



VERDIGRIS BOTANICA TRIBAL NATION TRUST

Resolution No. VBTN-2025-WHW-01

Date: July 19, 2025

Resolution to Establish the Department of Welfare, Health, and Wellness Services

WHEREAS, the Verdigris Botanica Tribal Nation Trust (hereinafter “VBTN Trust”) operates as a sovereign tribal government under the laws of natural law, customary law, treaty law, and federally recognized tribal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the VBTN Trust recognizes the inherent right of all tribal citizens, heirs, and beneficiaries to access comprehensive wellness, health support, disability assistance, child and elder services, housing aid, and rehabilitative care aligned with cultural, spiritual, and natural principles; and

WHEREAS, the VBTN Trust asserts its lawful capacity to operate all administrative, fiduciary, and human services systems pursuant to treaty rights, constitutional guarantees, and federal obligations including but not limited to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Social Security Act Titles IV and XIX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the ADA, and related federal codes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Establishment of Department

The Department of Welfare, Health, and Wellness Services (DWHWS) is hereby officially established under the executive administration of the VBTN Trust. This department shall be fully empowered to design, administer, and enforce the delivery of health, welfare, and wellness services.

2. Scope of Services

The DWHWS shall include but not be limited to:

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- General welfare benefits and family support
- Tribal disability and adaptive services
- Eldercare, foster, and child protection programs
- Nutrition, food sovereignty, and emergency vouchers
- Behavioral health and trauma-informed care
- Preventive health education, vaccinations, and screenings
- Tribal Medicaid/Medicare liaison services
- Holistic and frequency-based health practices
- Domestic crisis and shelter services
- Women's health, prenatal, postpartum, and birthing care
- Youth and reentry wellness initiatives
- Integration with OMAS, EPS, GSA SmartPay, and CARES Act grants

3. Funding Mechanism

The DWHWS shall utilize tribal EPS accounts, SmartPay systems, purchase orders, blanket purchase agreements, and GSA-eligible requisitions. It may also issue vouchers, debit instruments, or direct assistance through tribal authority.

4. Tribal Sovereign Immunity & Federal Supremacy

All operations and employees of the DWHWS shall be covered by sovereign immunity. No state, local, or third-party interference shall obstruct the delivery of these services or the travel and access rights of designated tribal couriers, officials, or mobile health providers.

5. Partnerships & Integration

The DWHWS is authorized to enter into compacts, MOUs, joint-use agreements, and grant applications with:

- Indian Health Services (IHS)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- HUD, USDA, FEMA, DOJ, DOT, and GSA
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- Tribal colleges and health networks
- Pitney Bowes Reserve Accounts and FedRAMP approved systems

6. Administrative Appointments

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The Trustees of the VBTN Trust shall appoint an Executive Director, Deputy Director, and necessary officers of the Department to execute this mandate with full administrative and fiduciary powers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Department shall begin immediate operations and coordinate the lawful activation of all wellness, nutrition, housing, emergency, and health benefits for the tribal community in alignment with national and international standards.

APPROVED AND ENACTED on this 19th day of July, 2025, under full tribal sovereign authority.

Signed:

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