

## RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

A Resolution Entitled, "Approving an Application with the Federal Communications Commission for the Tribal Priority Window Opportunity to Claim Unassigned 2.5 GHz Spectrum Available for Tribal nations on Rural Tribal Lands"

- WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation), also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, the authority under said Act, and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws (the Constitution) under said Act, and
- **WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and
- **WHEREAS.** The Constitution authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the MHA Nation and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt Resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council, its agencies and officials; and
- **WHEREAS,** The MHA Nation understands the need to diversify revenue and protect tribal resources to promote self-sufficiency and planned economic development opportunities;
- WHEREAS, A priority window for federally recognized Tribes in rural areas opened on February 3, 2020 to apply for licenses for unassigned spectrum in the 2.5 GHz band over rural Tribal lands; and
- **WHEREAS,** The application window is open until 6:00 p.m. EDT on August 3, 2020, after which any remaining unassigned spectrum will be made available through competitive bidding; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Tribal Mapping Tool indicates that spectrum is available on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation for all available channels on the 2.5 GHz band; and
- WHEREAS, The MHA Nation strives to create economic development opportunities in the digital age by controlling the airwaves over the Reservation, thereby asserting its sovereign and jurisdictional authority to promote the development of internet networks to service Fort Berthold Indian Reservation residents.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council authorizes the submission of an application to the FCC for all available spectrum on the 2.5 GHz band on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, including any overlay licenses, and directs all Tribal agencies to comply with the application requirements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Trial Business Council authorizes the preparation of a buildout plan to preserve access for the Fort Berthold Reservation population.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** That the Chairman is authorized to execute the application and take such action as is necessary to carry out the terms of this Resolution.

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 9 day of July, 2020, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [ X ] Voting. [ ] Not Voting.

Dated this 9 day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox

Tribal Business Council

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox

Tribal Business Council