

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

A Resolution entitled, "Authorization for a One-Time Disbursement of Funds from Tribal Oil and Gas Royalty Revenues to All Enrolled Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes."

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes, also known as the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation ("Tribes" or "MHA Nation"), generally 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 Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 (c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to administer any funds or property within the exclusive control of Tribes and to make expenditures from available tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes have benefitted greatly from the oil and gas development and activity on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council wishes to provide the enrolled membership with a disbursement of the Tribes' oil and gas royalty revenues.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby formally approves a one-time disbursement of funds from oil and gas royalty revenues to all enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that each enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes as of December 10, 2020 and regardless of age shall receive a one-time disbursement in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the enrolled members under the age of 14 as of April 1, 2021 will be required to have a legal guardian fill out an "Instruction for Disbursement Form" and return to the Tribes' Finance Department (or "Tribal Finance"). The forms will be available at Tribal Finance, segment offices, and the MHA Nation website.



- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that enrolled members under the age of 14 as of April 1, 2021 for whom an "Instruction for Disbursement Form" is not completed and returned to Tribal Finance by April 1, 2021 will have their disbursements held in a Trust account until the age of 18; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that enrolled members under the age of 14 as of April 1, 2021 in the custody of the Three Affiliated Tribes or in the custody of a state agency and subject to ICWA shall have their disbursements held in a Trust account until the age of 18; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the authorized one-time disbursement shall be taken exclusively from existing oil and gas royalty revenues of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no funds for the one-time disbursement approved by this Resolution shall be taken from any funds on deposit for the benefit of the Nuxbaaga Iidaa Uuh Waa Zaah, Sahnis waaplsis, Aki numuk aki tawatesh sha geddish, The People's Fund; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer of the Three Affiliated Tribes shall work to identify the appropriate accounts and make ready for issuance the one-time disbursement in accordance with this Resolution; and
- **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Disbursement authorized by this Resolution shall be sent via U.S. Mail to the last known address of the individual no later than December 18, 2020.

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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 10th day of December, 2020, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [X] Not Voting.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes