



**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 & 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 (or "Tribes") 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 April 8, 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 any delinquent monies owed to Tribal Finance Department, to Tribal Loan Departments and to the Three Affiliated Tribes Division of Child Support Enforcement shall be deducted from this distribution at the rate of \$750.00 for Finance, \$750.00 for Loans, and \$750.00 for TATDCSE; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that enrolled members under the age of fourteen (14) years as of August 1, 2021 will be required to have a legal guardian fill out an “Instruction for Disbursement Form” and return the form to the Tribal Finance Department. Forms will be available at the Tribal Finance Department, segment offices, and the MHA Nation website; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that enrolled members under the age of 14 years as of August 1, 2021 that do not have a completed “Instruction for Disbursement Form” returned to the Tribal Finance Department by August 1, 2021 will have the disbursement held in an investment account until the age of eighteen (18) years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that enrolled members under the age of 14 years as of August 1, 2021 and who are in the custody of the Three Affiliated Tribes or a state social services agency pursuant to ICWA shall have their disbursement held in an investment account until the age of 18 years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that 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 to make ready for issuance of 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 April 30, 2021.



**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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [ X ] Voting. [ ] Not Voting.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

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

Tribal Chairman Mark Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes