



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

A Resolution Entitled: “*Declaration of Drought Emergency for the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.*”

- 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 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; 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 IV, Section 5(l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides the Tribal Business Council authority to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Council and other Tribal Agencies and Tribal Officials of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Article IX Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution Provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with tribal lands and resources; and
- WHEREAS,** A drought disaster exists throughout the MHA Nation, and the MHA Nation and its Segments may be eligible for federal assistance and other emergency aid relief; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Drought Monitor shows 100 percent of the MHA Nation to be in an extreme drought approaching an exceptional category; and
- WHEREAS,** These conditions have created a significant increase in wildfire frequency and size endangering the people, lands, livestock, and wildlife of the MHA Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Increased fire activity creates excessive costs due to wear on TAT Fire Management equipment, vehicles, and personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** These conditions have had an adverse impact on livestock, pasture conditions, water supplies, crop emergence and production, and agribusiness in general; and



WHEREAS, Producers may be forced into supplemental feeding and sell-down of livestock herds to sustain operations during this drought; and

WHEREAS, Financial losses to the agriculture industry and agri-business constitute a serious cultural and economic hardship for the enrolled members of the MHA Nation on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby declares that a drought disaster exists within the MHA Nation on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes orders and directs that all applicable departments of the MHA Nation proceed with available measures and application processes for the purposes of obtaining and securing relief for the farmers, ranchers, and other drought affected members for MHA Nation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Chairman is hereby authorized to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

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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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 13th day of May, 2021, 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 13th day of May, 2021.

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

ATTEST:

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