

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

A Resolution Entitled, "Authorizing Budget and Construction Contract for Greenhouse Project"

- 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, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Nation and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes for the Nation; and
- WHEREAS, The COVID 19 pandemic has led to severe and widespread increases in global food insecurity, affecting vulnerable households in almost every country, with impacts expected to continue into 2022 and possibly beyond.; and
- WHEREAS, The MHA Nation has been affected by the impacts of COVID-19, including increased threats because of food insecurity; and
- WHEREAS, According to the Network for Public Health Law, Native Americans were already disparately affected by food insecurity even before the pandemic, and the financial hardships and the damaged food systems created by COVID-19 only amplify the need to address food insecurity in vulnerable Native American communities; and
- WHEREAS, The MHA Nation is undertaking the construction of a greenhouse in the Northeast Segment to improve the MHA Nation's food security and estimates the cost of the Project is \$40 million; and



WHEREAS The Tribal Business Council finds it necessary and appropriate to authorize the Greenhouse project in order to combat food insecurity within the MHA Nation, in Indian Country and elsewhere.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council authorizes and appropriates forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for the construction of the Greenhouse project in the Northeast Segment.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Tribal Chairman is authorized, subject to legal review, to execute construction and other contracts necessary to complete construction of the Project, together with such other documents as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent 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 16th day of November, 2021, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 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 16th day of November, 2021.

ATTEST:

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