

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

A Resolution Entitled, "To Authorize the Application to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's 'FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities Grant' (Funding Opportunity Number EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS)"

- WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes ("MHA Nation" or "Tribe"), 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 Tribe is committed to developing "food sovereignty" on the Fort Berthold Reservation by implementing indoor growing methods that capture natural gas to provide heat and power to greenhouses; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe is dedicated to providing all the necessary resources, including applying for pertinent grants to plan, develop, and implement a successful Gas Capture Greenhouse Project; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe intends to seek federal grant opportunities with the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA); and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe has been made aware of Funding Opportunity Number EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS (or the "Funding Opportunity") provided by the EDA for a "FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities" Grant; and



- **WHEREAS,** The Funding Opportunity is well tailored to assist the Tribe in achieving food sovereignty and establishing indoor growing facilities that are powered and heated by natural gas resources; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Funding Opportunity does not require the Tribe provide a match or cost share of the total project costs; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe intends to submit an application requesting federal funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 total project cost.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation authorizes the Tribal Chairman to submit all necessary documentation to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration in accordance with Funding Opportunity EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS; and
- **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox Tribal Business Council

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox Tribal Business Council