



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

A Resolution Entitled: *“Approval of UND Student-Conducted Community Interviews and Surveys for Participation in the 2021-2022 Geothermal Collegiate Challenge.”*

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 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.

WHEREAS, Jessica Eagle-Bluestone (or “Jessica”) is an enrolled member of the MHA Nation and a student at UND studying Energy Engineering with a focus on geothermal energy; and

WHEREAS, Jessica is working on two student projects, her thesis and is participating in the 2021-2022 Department of Energy’s Geothermal Collegiate Challenge which focuses on developing a geothermal district energy system with a group of her fellow graduate students. Jessica’s group is an interdisciplinary team of geologists, petroleum engineers, energy engineers and sustainable energy scientists from UND, and Reykjavik University, Iceland; and

WHEREAS, Jessica’s team has chosen New Town, North Dakota as its study site; and

WHEREAS, Jessica’s thesis is examining the development of renewable resources on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Jessica will need to engage the local community through interviews and/or surveys which will be overseen by UND’s Institutional Review Board (IRB); and



WHEREAS, The IRB representatives acknowledge that the MHA Nation requires a resolution by the Tribal Business Council for all university studies involving human subjects thereon, and Jessica respectfully requests that such a resolution be approved to allow her and her team to conduct interviews and/or surveys of MHA Nation residents and to identify the needs of the community, level of interest in renewable resource development, and measure pre-existing knowledge on geothermal energy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes and approves the request of Jessica Eagle-Bluestone. She and her academic team may conduct interviews and/or surveys of residents of the MHA Nation to identify the needs of the community, level of interest in renewable resource development, and measure pre-existing knowledge on geothermal energy; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this authorization and approval is strictly for purposes of Jessica Eagle-Bluestone's graduate research project and her team's participation in the 2021-2022 Department of Energy's Geothermal Collegiate Competition and scientific publications. Any information gathered thereby shall be used exclusively for these purposes, with the exception that the information shall be provided to the MHA Nation in furtherance of their research into potential geothermal energy development within the MHA Nation; and, further, any proprietary information procured thereby shall remain under the exclusive ownership and control of the MHA Nation and may not be used by any other persons or entities for business or industry development purposes.

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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, 5 were present at a Continuation Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 20th day of January, 2022, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 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 20th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

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

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