

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

A Resolution Entitled, "Supporting Settlement Agreement in the Estate of Danny Larson Jones #301 U-005988, T000165560 and Disclaiming Interest in Lands."

- WHEREAS, This 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, Article VI, Section 5 (d) of the Constitution provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to negotiate with the federal government on behalf of the Tribes, and to advise representatives of the Interior Department on all activities of that Department that may affect the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal member Carey Lisa Jones went missing on May 1, 2005, after a physical altercation with her roommate in Sarasota, FL and has not been seen or heard from since; and
- WHEREAS, Carey Lisa Jones is presumed to have died intestate on or about May 1, 2005, and on November 20, 2018, a probate was opened for her estate; and
- WHEREAS, Carey Lisa Jones was survived by her half-brother Danny Larson Jones and her niece Karis Anne Freyer, both of whom are tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, While conducting a due diligence search prior to the opening of probate, Danny Larson Jones and Karis Anne Freyer entered into a Settlement Agreement on April 26, 2018, wherein they would equally share the estate of Carey Lisa Jones; and
- WHEREAS, The Settlement Agreement further provides that if either Danny Larson Jones or Karis Anne Freyer passed then their share would go to Novalee Roberts, the daughter of Karis Anne Freyer; and



- WHEREAS, Prior to approval of the Settlement Agreement by Probate Judge Albert Jones, Danny Larson Jones died intestate on December 17, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, Any trust lands in Danny Larson Jones' Estate, including small fractionated interests of less than five percent, would pass to the Tribe after the life estate of Dominque Graham; and
- WHEREAS, Karis Anne Freyer is a tribal member and the sole surviving adult relative of her Uncle Danny Larson Jones; and
- WHEREAS, Danny Larson. Jones died without any children or other surviving issue but purportedly did have a young non-Indian wife Dominique Graham; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council finds that the Settlement Agreement accurately reflects the intent of Danny Jones and should be honored.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council supports the Settlement Agreement between Danny Larson Jones and Karis Anne Freyer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council hereby requests that the United States Department of Interior, it agencies, employees and officials, honor and give effect to the Settlement Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Because Karis Anne Freyer is a tribal member and the last surviving adult relative of Danny Larson Jones, the Tribal Business Council hereby renounces its interests that are less than five percent in the trust lands comprising the estate of Danny Larson Jones, and waives the Alternative Single Heir Rule to the extent inconsistent with this Resolution

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions 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 12th day of May, 2022, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 embers for, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, and 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (X) Voting, (Not Voting.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2022.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox

Tribal Business Council

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox

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