



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

*A Resolution entitled, “Authorization of OST to Administer Annual and Biannual Disbursements from Nuxbaaga Iidaa Uuh Waa Zaah, Sahnis waalpsis, Aki numuk aki tawatesh.”*

- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes, also known as the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (“Tribes” or “MHA 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 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 MHA Nation 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,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(c) of the MHA’s Constitution the Tribal Business Council is authorized to administer and make expenditures from available tribal funds for public purposes of the MHA Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Nuxbaaga Iidaa Uuh Waa Zaah, Sahnis waalpsis, Aki numuk aki tawatesh sha geddish (“People’s Fund”) was established as a way to promote the general welfare of the Tribes and its members through the fair and equitable distribution to duly enrolled members of revenues derived from the MHA Nation’s nonrenewable oil and gas resources, while preserving a revenue base for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council, by Resolution No. 13-004-VJB, established a Tribal governmental Department (the “Department”) to provide day-to-day administration and to develop an administrative plan to provide distributions from the Fund to eligible members; and
- WHEREAS,** The Department has prepared an administrative plan entitled “People’s Fund Distribution and Eligibility Plan” which establishes the rules of eligibility and a framework for making distributions from the People’s Fund to eligible tribal members.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves the People’s Fund August 2022 Distribution according to the Distribution and Eligibility Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council authorizes and directs the administrator of the People’s Fund to make the August 2022 distribution in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in accordance with the Distribution and Eligibility Plan to each eligible MHA Nation Tribal member enrolled as of August 15th, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council authorizes a one-time waiver of Section 5a. of the Distribution and Eligibility Plan to allow disbursements to those under the age of 21 in accordance with terms and conditions of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council authorizes a one-time waiver of Section 6d. of the Distribution and Eligibility Plan to collect any delinquent monies owed to Tribal Finance, to Tribal Loan Departments, and to Three Affiliated Tribes Division of Child Support Enforcement (or “TATDCSE”), to be deducted from this disbursement at the rate of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for Tribal Finance, \$500.00 for Tribal Loans, and \$500.00 for TATDCSE; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Tribal Enrolled Members under the age of 14 as of November 1, 2022, will be required to have a legal guardian fill out an “Instruction for Disbursement Form” and return to Tribal Finance. Forms will be available at Tribal Finance, segment offices, and the MHA Nation website; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Tribal Enrolled Members under the age of 14 as of November 1, 2022, in the custody of the Three Affiliated Tribes shall have their disbursement deposited in a pooled trust account until the age of 18; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Disbursement authorized by this Resolution shall be sent via U.S. Mail to the last known address of the recipient individual no later than August 12th, 2022; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council 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 Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [ X ] voting. [ ] not voting.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Fred Fox in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Tribal Secretary, Fred Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

Handwritten signature of Mark N. Fox in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

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