



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

**A Resolution Entitled, “*Requesting the Secretary of Interior to Acquire Federal Lands Within
The Figure Four Ranch In Trust For the MHA Nation*”**

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, The Tribal Business Council has worked diligently to reacquire tribal lands which were lost due to diminishment and allotment; and

WHEREAS, As part of that work the Tribe purchased the land commonly known as the Figure Four or Buffalo Ranch (the “Buffalo Ranch”); and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Ranch was placed into trust on May 24, 2019 and later was made a part of the Fort Berthold Reservation by proclamation of the Secretary of Interior; and

WHEREAS, Certain tracts within the Buffalo Ranch portion of the Reservation continue to be owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management (the “BLM”); and

WHEREAS, Such management includes both the surface and mineral estates of the lands; and

WHEREAS, The following lands are managed by the BLM and are located wholly within the Buffalo Ranch and Fort Berthold Reservation borders:

Township 148N Range 95W

Section 4: SESE

Section 7: SESE

Section 8: N/2, S/2SW , SWSE

Section 9: Lots 1, 2, 3, S/2NW, NWNW, N/2SW

Section 17: E/2, E/2NW, NWNW, SWSW

Section 18: SWNW, NENE, NWSE, E/2SW



Section 19: SENE
Section 20: N/2, N/2S/2, SESW, S/2SE
Section 21: W/2, Lots 1-4
Section 28: NW, NWSW, Lots 1-2
Section 29: NE, E/2NW, NESW, N/2SE
Section 30: Lots 1-3, E/2NW, NESW, W/2NE, NWSE

Township 148N Range 96W

Section 24: E/2NE
Section 25: S/2NE

Containing 3,784.65 acres more or less; and

WHEREAS, The following lands are managed by the BLM while being adjacent and contiguous with the Buffalo Ranch and Fort Berthold Reservation:

Township 148N Range 96W

Section 1: SENW
Section 2: S/2NW, NESW, NWSE, SWNE
Section 3: Lots 1-2
Section 23: SWNE, N/2SE

Containing 411.46 acres more or less; and

WHEREAS, The lands were originally part of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation prior to allotment and diminishment and should be returned to the MHA Nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council formally requests that the above-described lands -both surface and mineral interests- be returned to the MHA Nation, and/or that the Secretary of Interior acquire such lands in trust for the benefit of the MHA Nation.

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.

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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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 15th day of August 2022; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] voting. [] not voting.

Dated this 15th day of August 2022.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council