



**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 MHA Nation (or “Tribes”), 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 (or “Constitution”) 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,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council is authorized to administer and make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** Nuxbaaga Iidaa Uuh Waa Zaah, Sahnis waalpsis, Aki numuk aki tawatesh sha geddish (or “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 Tribes’ 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 (or “Department”) to provide day-to-day administration and to develop an administrative plan to provide distributions from the People’s 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 2023 Distribution according to the People’s Fund 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 2023 distribution in the amount of \$1,000.00 in accordance with the People’s Fund Distribution and Eligibility Plan to each eligible Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal member enrolled as of August 9th, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council authorizes a one-time waiver of Section 5a. of the People’s Fund 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 People’s Fund Distribution and Eligibility Plan to collect any delinquent monies owed to the Tribal Finance Department (or “Tribal Finance”), to the Tribal Loan Department (or “Loans”), and to the Three Affiliated Tribes Division of Child Support Enforcement (or “TATDCSE”), to be deducted from this disbursement at the rate of \$500.00 for Tribal Finance, \$500.00 for Loans, and \$750.00 for TATDCSE; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Enrolled Members of the Tribes under the age of 14 as of November 1, 2023, 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 Enrolled Members of the Tribes under the age of 14 as of November 1, 2023 in the custody of the Tribes shall have their disbursement deposited in a pooled trust account until the age of 18; and

BE IT FURTHER 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; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that 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 11th, 2023.

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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 13th day of July, 2023, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 Voting. Not Voting.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Fred W. Fox in cursive script.

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

Handwritten signature of Mark N. Fox in cursive script.

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