



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

***A Resolution Entitled: "Authority for the MHA Emergency Operations Center to Seek on Behalf of MHA Nation the Bush Prize: Native Nations Grant FY 2026."***

**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 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 VI, 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,** The MHA Emergency Operations Center's mission is to reduce the overall vulnerability of communities and infrastructure on the Fort Berthold Reservation by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the Tribes' capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters; and

**WHEREAS,** The MHA Emergency Operations Center seeks to share its accomplishments, highlighting MHA Nation's leadership in emergency preparedness, response, and resilience. Native Nations Program recognizes innovative solutions in tribal governance, and could provide a platform to showcase how MHA Nation is effectively exercising its sovereignty and strengthening self-determination; and

**WHEREAS,** The MHA Emergency Operations Center intends to apply for available grant funding through the Bush Foundation's Bush Prize: Native Nations grant funding, FY 2026; and



**WHEREAS,** The Bush Prize funding will be utilized to strengthen MHA Nation's incident management capabilities by investing in workforce development and training expansion. A primary focus of this investment will be the advancement of the All-Hazards Incident Management Team and the development of a fully capable Search and Rescue (SAR) Team. Specifically:

- i. The funding would allow for increased participation in nationally recognized search and rescue trainings and access to specialized certifications required complex incident response.
- ii. The long-term strategy is to develop in house training capacity by preparing staff as qualified instructors, develop locally delivered training program, and expand access to Tribal departments and partners to receive the trainings.
- iii. Rather than serving as a one-time investment, Bush Prize funding will prepare Tribal incident management efforts for long-term sustainable outcomes, such as reduced dependency on external training providers, increased ability to maintain and grow a highly skilled workforce, and scalable workforce development approach that can be utilized continuously as the workforce grows; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes finds that application for and acceptance of such grant funding would benefit the health, welfare, and safety of the Tribes and its enrolled members.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves and authorizes the MHA Emergency Operations Center on behalf of the Tribes to apply for the Bush Foundation's Bush Prize: Native Nations FY 2026 grant funding so that the Tribes may receive funding to support wellbeing of the communities and receive recognition from the Bush Prize: Native Nations grant funding that potentially lead to new partnerships, grant opportunities, and long-term support for emergency services operations of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Chairman is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions as are necessary to accept such funding carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.



**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, 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  Voting.  Not Voting.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

**ATTEST:**

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

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