



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

A Resolution Entitled, “*Approval of Contract for Services with AES for the 2026 Primary and General Elections.*”

- WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes (“MHA Nation” or “Tribe”), 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,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt Resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council, its agencies and officials; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Nation and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes for the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Legal Department has drafted a Contract for Services between the Three Affiliated Tribes and Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, NM (or “AES”), to provide a full turnkey election management solution with the goal of maximizing the efficiency of the Election Board for the 2026 Tribal Primary and General Elections, including the printing of ballots that are to begin as soon as possible for absentee voters; and
- WHEREAS,** AES represents that it will provide accurate, auditable and reviewable election results, participation reports and final data for analysis; and
- WHEREAS,** AES represents it will also provide a professional Election Management team to implement certain processes that are vital for the operation of the 2026 Tribal Primary and General Elections; and



WHEREAS, The services provided by AES will be performed within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The term of this Contract between the Tribes and AES shall be for a period of 4 months, beginning August 19, 2026 through December 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Compensation for Services provided shall be capped at \$45,380 for the 2026 Primary Election, while the cost of the 2026 General Election is TBD and may be affected by the results of the Primary Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes approves and authorizes the aforementioned Contract for Services between the Three Affiliated Tribes and Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, NM; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman is authorized to execute the aforementioned Contract and take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

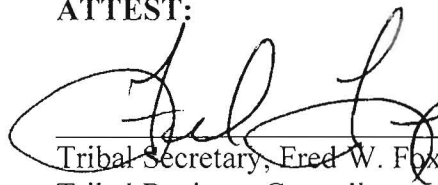
CERTIFICATION

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 19th day of August, 2026, 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 [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:


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


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