

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

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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, The Tribal Business Council is authorized and empowered to grant corporate charters to enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes organized for public-spirited purposes; and

WHEREAS, Certain elder members of the Three Affiliated Tribes have requested that the Tribal Business Council grant a nonprofit corporate charter to the Tribal elders for the general purpose of promoting and improving the health and social and economic well-being of the elder members of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, It is the considered position of the Tribal Business Council that it would be in the best interest of the Tribal elders to grant the requested charter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to its constitutional power and authority, the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby grants a nonprofit corporate charter to the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Elders Organization, a true and correct photostatic copy of which charter is attached hereto.

**CHARTER
OF THE
MANDAN, HIDATSA, ARIKARA
ELDERS ORGANIZATION**

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes has granted this Charter to a nonprofit corporation known as the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Elders Organization by Tribal Business Council Resolution No. _____ duly adopted on _____ at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Elders Organization hereinafter referred to as the organization.

ARTICLE II

The period of duration of the Organization shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the Organization is chartered are as follows:

- A. To provide for the vision of the Organization in order to assist the elders of this organization to achieve the optimum quality of life.
- B. To serve as an advocate in order to ensure that the opportunities available to the elders are promoted.
- C. To make all services and providers of those services aware of elders needs and if these services are not available, to be responsible for advocating planning for these services.
- D. To assist in providing data, assessments, studies, research and any other tools to improve services to elders.
- E. To provide these services in a holistic manner so that the goal of optimum quality life can be achieved.

ARTICLE IV

The Organization shall have the following powers which it may exercise consistent with the purposes for which it has been organized and chartered.

- A. To select and appoint officers and agents of the Organization and to define their duties.

- B. To make and alter By-Laws, not inconsistent with this Charter for administration and regulation of the affairs of this Organization.
- C. To manage programs, direct funds as well as participate in the decision-making regarding services to elderly or to operate on an equal basis with funded programs for the elderly.
- D. To review, educate and be an advocate, to be able to report to community on current laws and bills, which may impact on elder's quality of life.
- E. To serve as advocate for elderly needs, interests and special issues.
- F. To seek funding for the organization in order that services can be provided for elders.

ARTICLE V

The organization is a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE VI

The provisions for the regulations of the internal affairs of the organization include:

- A. The purpose of the organization shall be exclusively charitable within the meaning of Sec. 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VII

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, the Organization shall not carry on other activities not permitted by law.

- A. By an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any United States Internal Revenue Law), or
- B. By an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (C) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VIII

The number of Directors constituting the interim Board of Directors shall be 2 from each community and an interim chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer who shall be elected by the Board from within its own membership.

ARTICLE IX

The following names and addresses of the interim board shall serve as incorporators of the organization:

Twin Buttes District,

John Fredericks, Board Member
Po Box 116
Halliday, ND 58636

Dale Little Soldier, Board Member
RR # 1 Box 136
Golden Valley, ND 58401
Mandaree,

James W. Danks, Board Member
HCO 2 Box 24
Mandaree, ND 58757

Rose Marie Mandan, Treasurer
PO Box 531
Mandaree, ND 58757

Four Bears,
Hazel Blake, Secretary
PO Box 244
New Town, ND 58763

John H. Danks, Chairperson
PO Box 423
New Town, ND 58763

White Shield,

Pliga Bordeaux, Board Member
HCI 1 Box 30
Roseglen, ND 58775

Gerald White Sr., Board Member
1547 63rd Ave. NW
Garrison, ND 58540
New Town,

Mathew Mason, Vice Chairperson
PO Box 4
New Town, ND 58763

Emerson Baker, Board Member
General Delivery
New Town, ND 58763

Pashall,
Emerson Packineau, Board Member
General Delivery
Parshall, ND 58770

Marie Wells, Board Member
PO Box 241
Parshall, ND 58770

Vision Statement

Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara

Elders Organization

We, the elders of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara feel we have shared in our lifetime similar experiences which can be called upon to form a body of knowledge, understanding and wisdom. We can call upon this wisdom to provide assistance to one another, the people of the tribe and our brothers and sisters of the communities we live in. We have shared our values, our cultural behaviors as well as our friendships, compassion and duties with one another. We also experienced together a life style, which allowed us to be self-sufficient, non-dependent and capable of taking pleasure in our way or life even if it was not luxurious. Now we can join together and offer to share these strengths with others to assist in a holistic manner those of us who are in need of support.

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 Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 4th day of May, 2000; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2000.

Dayton Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council