



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

*A Resolution entitled, "Traditional Arts Revitalization Initiative"*

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

**WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes Constitution authorizes and empowers the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Tribal Business Council to engage in activity on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

**WHEREAS,** Certain enrolled members of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation have been engaged in the revitalization and creation of traditional art forms including but not limited to traditional gardening and food preparation; basket weaving; pottery; hide tanning and decorating; indigenous games; period wardrobe, tools, and housewares replication for education, heritage preservation, and cultural interpretive purposes, and

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of certain tribal artisans and elders to continue these culturally related activities and efforts through a non-profit entity known as the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Traditional Arts Initiative, Incorporated, chartered under the authority of the Tribal Business Council and in accordance with the constitution and by laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council hereby grants a non-profit corporate charter to the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Traditional Arts Revitalization Initiative, Inc. (a copy of which is attached.)

**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, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 11 day of September 2003, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

**Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara**  
**TRADITIONAL ARTS REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE, INC.**  
**A Tribally Chartered Corporation**

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 non-profit Corporation known as the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Traditional Arts Revitalization Initiative, Inc., by Tribal Business Council Resolution # 03 \_\_\_\_\_ RP  
duly adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ 2003 at a regular meeting.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the Corporation shall be Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Traditional Arts Revitalization Initiative, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Corporation.

**ARTICLE II**

The period of duration of Corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE III**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized and chartered are as follows:

- A. The general purpose of this Corporation is to revitalize traditional Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara art forms and to re-create traditionally crafted items of the northern plains cultures in order to preserve and strengthen that aspect of our cultural heritage.
- B. The Corporation will engage in intergenerational educational activities in order to instruct and engage students of all ages in the creation and interpretation of traditional art forms.
- C. The Corporation will create and maintain an inventory of traditional arts and replicated items including but not limited to burden baskets, pottery, quillwork, leatherwork, tanned hides, garden seeds, garden tools, dried foods, household implements, wardrobe, games, and related products.
- D. The Corporation will maintain a registry of artisans who are eligible and available to create and market traditional arts forms of the northern plains.
- E. The Corporation will have and will exercise any of the powers necessary and convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized and chartered as authorized by the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

**ARTICLE IV**

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

- A. To purchase, take, receive, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or an interest therein, wherever situated; provided, however, any proposed transfer of title to real property from trust to fee patent status shall be subject to review by the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes.
- B. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise, dispose of all or any part of its property and assets, provided, however, any proposed transfer of title to real property from trust to fee patent status shall be subject to review by the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes.
- C. To make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest, as the Corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, or other obligations, by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, and income; provided however, that any indebtedness incurred by the Corporation shall net exceed the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) at any one time.
- D. To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds and take and hold real and personal property as security for payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- E. To elect and appoint officers and agents of the Corporation, and to define their duties and fix their compensation.
- F. To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with this Charter, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Corporation.
- G. To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with this Charter, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Corporation.
- H. To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, educational, or cultural purposes.
- I. To generally have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation has been organized and chartered.

#### ARTICLE V

The Corporation is not organized for profit and shall have no capital stock..

#### ARTICLE VI

The provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation, including provisions for the distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation are as follows:

- A. The purpose of the Corporation, shall be exclusively charitable within the meaning of Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:
  - a. by a corporation exempt from the federal income tax under Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or

- b. by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170c of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- C. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Corporation shall determine.
- D. No part of any net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.
- E. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be constituted by the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for office.

#### ARTICLE VII

The name of the initial registered agent and the address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is as follows:

Amy Mossett  
PO Box 262  
New Town ND 58763

#### ARTICLE VIII

The Corporation shall have membership and each member shall be:

- (1) an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, or a member of a federally recognized tribe who resides within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, and
- (2) at least eighteen (18) years of age or older. Each member of the Corporation shall be entitled to vote on any matter properly brought before a majority of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

The number of officers constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be four (4). The names and addresses of the persons who will serve as the initial officers are as follows:

Amy Mossett, President  
PO Box 262  
New Town ND 58763

Mary Elk, Vice-President  
PO Box 388  
New Town ND 58763

Tillie Walker, Secretary  
PO Box 625  
Mandaree ND 58757

Bruce Gillette, Treasurer  
402 BIA Route 22  
Golden Valley, ND 58541-9660

#### ARTICLE X

The names and addresses of the incorporators of the Corporation are as follows:

Amy Mossett, President  
PO Box 262  
New Town ND 58763

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PO Box 388  
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#### ARTICLE XI

The initial bylaws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The bylaws may contain any provision for the regulation and management of the affairs of the corporation not inconsistent with this Charter.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments to this Charter may be made from time to time in any and as many aspects as desired at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation held for said purpose, provided that the respective duly adopted amendment be approved by the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
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**COPY**

**Resolution Title: Scattered Village Inc. (a not-for-profit business for the Tourism Gift Shop & Gallery)**

**WHEREAS,** This nation having accepted the Indian reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and 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 the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically grants to the Tribal Business Council all necessary sovereign authority for the purpose of exercising the jurisdiction granted by the people of the Three Affiliated Tribes in Article 1 of the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** Certain enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes are desirous of establishing a non-profit cooperative and have approached the Tribal Business Council with a request that the Three Affiliated Tribes grant a non-profit corporate charter to their prospective non-profit cooperative; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council has reviewed and fully considered the proposed charter for the prospective non-profit cooperative to be known as Scattered Village, Inc.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes, pursuant to its Constitutional power and authority, hereby grants a non-profit corporate charter to the cooperative to be known as Scattered Village, Inc. (a photostatic copy of which is attached); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Three Affiliated Tribes Tourism and Independence Development Center will provide TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) from their National Endowment for the Arts/National Forest Service's grant for capital outlays, working capital and seed money to access other grant opportunities.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.  
Chairman  voting [ ] not voting

  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

**ATTEST:**

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council

**NATIVE ARTS COOPERATIVE PROJECTS**

Amy Mossett, President

**2002**

**BASKETWEAVING WORKSHOP (2)**

New Town ND

**POTTERY WORKSHOP (2)**

New Town ND

**COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG**

Electronic Field Trip

Re-enactment casting and clothing

Traditional Gardening

FBCC Land Lab—Tillie Walker

**2003**

**DOLLAR COIN POUCHES**

North Dakota Tourism—Monticello Media Event

Rachel Retterath, L&C Coordinator

250 pouches—completed

**L&C COMMEMORATIVE COIN POUCHES**

US Mint, NCLCB COTA

3000 pouches by MHA Artists—in progress

**FORT MANDAN INTERPRETERS ROOM**

NDLCBF – Earthlodge Project log trade

Room furnishing—in progress

**TRADITIONAL GARDENING**

FBCC Land Lab—Tillie Walker & Amy Mossett

**BASKET WEAVING**

June 12-13 New Town

**2004**

BLM Signature Event Project

100 Limited Edition Cadastral Survey Marker Pouches

Bismarck Signature Event

Living Village re-enactment, earthlodge furnishings, and period dress

Step on guide training





Chairman  Voting.  Not Voting.

Dated this 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2003.

Randy Phelan  
Executive Secretary, Randy Phelan  
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Tex G. Hall  
Chairman, Tex G. Hall  
Tribal Business Council