



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

*A Resolution entitled, "Appropriation of \$10,000.00 to MHA Enterprises, Inc. to Invest in the Multi-Tribal Natural Beef, Buffalo and Food Products Company."*

**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,** The Intertribal Economic Alliance (ITEA), which the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation is a founder of, has created the Multi-Tribal Natural Beef, Buffalo and Food Products Company, LLC, which will work to assist Indian ranchers obtain higher prices for their cattle and also earn profits through the sale of food products to USDA, DOD and other buyers; and

**WHEREAS,** The Multi-Tribal Natural Beef, Buffalo and Food Products Company, LLC, (the "Company") is being mentored by Coleman Natural Meat Company, the largest natural meat company in the United States. Coleman has agreed to provide \$50,000 to assist the Company get started if that amount is matched by tribes that become owners of the Company and invest the initial capital contribution of \$10,000 per tribe that has been established by the Company; and

**WHEREAS,** The Company will use the capital invested by the tribes and by Coleman to hire Casey Frederick to assist Indian ranchers enroll in the natural beef program and the Company has agreed to give first priority to working with the ranchers who are members of those tribes that are the initial investors in the Company so that if the MHA Nation invests in the Company, first priority will be given to its ranchers; and

**WHEREAS,** Coleman and ITEA have presented to the Indian ranchers on the Ft. Berthold Reservation and said ranchers expressed a strong interest in the opportunities presented by the natural beef program, such that by becoming an initial investor in the Company, the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation will directly assist the many tribal members that are ranchers; and

**WHEREAS,** The appropriate entity to be the investor in the Company on behalf of the Nation is MHA Enterprises, Inc.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Business Council hereby provides \$10,000 to MHA Enterprises, which shall, after reviewing the legal documents in connection with an investment in the Company and conducting such due diligence as it deems necessary, and concluding that said documents are in order and the investment is appropriate, use said monies to become an initial investor in the Company and shall manage said investment in the best interest of the MHA Nation.

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, \_\_\_\_\_ were present at a \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8 day of April, 2004, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 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 8th day of April, 2004.

Randy Phelan  
Executive Secretary, Randy Phelan  
Tribal Business Council

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