

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

A Resolution entitled, "Approving an Application to the Northwest Area and Bush Foundations for funding of the "MHA Nation Tomorrow" planning project."

- WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation ("MHA Nation" or "Tribes") having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 ("IRA"), and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the 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, Section 1 of the Constitution of the MHA Nation provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, With the discovery of oil and gas on the Reservation, the MHA Nation is experiencing unprecedented opportunities, and the Tribal Business Council must plan for its future, be strategic and consider what the Tribal membership wants the next chapter of the MHA Nation to be, and
- WHEREAS, The MHA Tomorrow project is an initiative focused on bringing together Tribal Members to develop a plan for what they envision as the quality of life for all tribal members and our future generations. It will focus on developing a Comprehensive Strategic Plan for the MHA Nation through public meetings and collaboration with strategic partners to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the MHA Nation, and
- WHEREAS, The MHA Tomorrow project will benefit from professional expertise such as: Case Western Reserve University and their ability to coach and instruct in the utilization of the appreciative inquiry process, the Bush Foundation and their application of Harvard studies on Building Tribal Nations, the Northwest Area Foundation and their knowledge in reducing poverty, the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy at the University of Arizona, Common enterprise Development Corporation and their technical assistance in facilitating the visioning process and applying appreciative inquiry methodology to the strategic planning process, and
- WHEREAS, Funding for the MHA Nation Tomorrow project may be provided through a joint effort of the Northwest Area and Bush Foundations, and



WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council endorses the "MHA Tomorrow" concept of developing a Comprehensive Strategic Plan to guide the MHA Nation and its members in Rebuilding their Nation, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Business Council hereby approves applications to the Northwest Area Foundation and the Bush Foundation for funding for the MHA Nation Tomorrow project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute the applications to the Northwest Area Foundation and the Bush Foundation for funding for the MHA Nation Tomorrow project.



## 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, <u>5</u> were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the <u>27th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2012, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of <u>5</u> members, <u>0</u> members opposed, <u>0</u> members abstained, <u>0</u> members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [ ] Not Voting.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh

Tribal Business Council

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ATTEST:

Tribal Chairman, Tex G. Hall

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