



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

A Resolution entitled, “Authorizing the MHA Nation to join the Coalition of Large Tribes”

WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (“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 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 Nation provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution of the Nation provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Nation specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes for the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Business Council finds it in the best interest of the MHA Nation to formally join the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT); and

WHEREAS, The COLT was informally organized in April 2011 as a coalition of federally recognized Indian tribes with large land bases consisting of 100,000 or more acres; and

WHEREAS, COLT was organized to provide unified advocacy and to promote the sovereign rights of member tribes to protect, enhance, control, utilize and develop their respective land bases by:

- Educating the United States Congress, Executive Administration, public and other Tribes about the unique issues impacting tribes that govern large land bases,
- Advocating for legislative, regulatory and policy reforms to improve issues unique to tribes that govern large land bases; and



WHEREAS, COLT adopted a federal charter on December 11, 2012 that provides a corporate organizational structure for the coalition that will govern corporate activities and which will be forwarded to the Secretary of Interior for approval; and

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (“IRA”) allows tribes to incorporate themselves under a federal charter for commercial purposes, regardless of whether the tribal entity is organized as a for-profit or non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, COLT, through its member tribes serving as sponsors or incorporators, will petition the Secretary of Interior to approve its federal charter under Section 17 of the IRA; and

WHEREAS, The MHA Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe that governs a land base of approximately 1,060,500 acres, thereby meeting the criteria for COLT membership; and

WHEREAS, The MHA Nation agrees to pay annual Dues in the amount of \$5,000 to COLT for annual Membership dues including voting rights; and

WHEREAS, The MHA Nation agrees to join the Coalition of Large Tribes and supports the purposes of COLT as outlined herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and approves full voting membership of the MHA Nation in the Coalition of Large Tribes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes it’s Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman to serve as the designated representative to the COLT Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Chairman is hereby authorized to take such action as is necessary to have the MHA Nation join COLT as a full member, and to otherwise carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

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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, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 14th day of February, 2013, 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 14th day of February, 2013.


Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:

Tribal Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes