



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

**A Resolution entitled, “*Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms (ATF) and Explosives and the MHA Nation Division of Drug Enforcement (MHA-DDE)*”**

**WHEREAS**, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws under said Act; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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 mission of MHA Division of Drug Enforcement is to investigate, arrest, successfully prosecute, and thus, dismantle all narcotics trafficking/criminal enterprise/human trafficking organizations involved in the manufacturing, transportation, distribution, selling and use of all illegal drugs and/or the victimization of persons on or through the MHA Nation. Their specialized mission includes the seizure of illegal drugs, cash and other assets associated with and supportive of the illicit drug trade; and to investigate, arrest, successfully prosecute, and thus, dismantle all human trafficking and money laundering efforts which support these and other illegal activities within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, MHA Division of Drug Enforcement provides high quality public safety services to keep our communities safe and secure by being dedicated and vigilant to serving and protecting our people and our homeland in partnership with our communities to enhance the quality of life within the MHA Nation; and

**NOW THERE FOR IT BE RESOLVED**, The participants, ATF and MHA-DDE shall establish a joint task force for the purpose of investigating firearms violations and drug offenses/violent crimes involving firearms within North Dakota and the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. It is the intention of the MHA-DDE that it will assist ATF in the investigating federal firearms violations and that the ATF will assist the MHA-DDE in the investigating federal firearms violations and drug offenses/violent crimes involving the use of firearms.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is not intended as a formal contract but rather to memorialize the relationship between the participants MHA Division of Drug Enforcement, with respect to a joint powers/cooperative law enforcement effort. This Memorandum of Understanding is with respect to interagency cooperation to facilitate cooperation in investigations to enhance law enforcement efforts in protecting our people and our homeland and to enhance the quality of life within the MHA Nation.

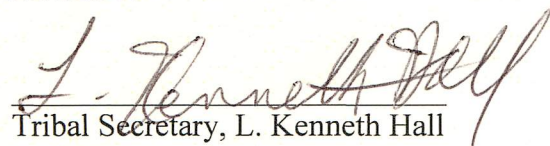
**CERTIFICATION**


I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Forth Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman  Voting.  Not voting.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
Tribal Secretary, L. Kenneth Hall  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

