



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

***A Resolution entitled, "Request to the Secretary of the Interior to Acquire Certain Tribal Fee Lands Into Trust on Behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes"***

**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 Tribal Business Council finds it in the best interest of the MHA Nation to have the property formally known as the Gevings Ranch ("The Property"), which was purchased by the MHA Nation, placed into trust with the United States for the use and benefit of the MHA Nation and its member; and

**WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes owns certain fee lands in Mountrail County, North Dakota which are within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and are more fully described as follows:

Township: 152 North, Range 90 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 14: Outlot 3 of S1/2SW1/4  
Montrail County, North Dakota

**WHEREAS,** Said fee lands include approximately 60 acres of land which are currently used for ranching; and

**WHEREAS,** The Indian Reorganization Act, 25 USC § 465 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire into trust any interest in lands within or without the existing boundaries of Reservations; and

**WHEREAS,** 25 CFR § 151.3 provides that land not held in trust or restricted status may be acquired for a Tribe when such acquisition is authorized by an act of Congress and approved by the Secretary of Interior; and



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**WHEREAS,** 25 CFR § 151.3 (a) (1) and (2) further provides that the land may be acquired for a Tribe in trust status when the property is located within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe's Reservation or adjacent thereto and when the Tribe already owns an interest in the land; and

**WHEREAS,** 25 CFR § 151.3 (a) (3) further provides that land may be acquired in trust when the Secretary determines that the acquisition of the land is necessary to facilitate tribal self-determination, economic development or Indian housing; and

**WHEREAS,** 25 CFR § 151.9 provides that an Indian Tribe desiring to acquire land in trust status shall file a written request for approval of such acquisition with the Secretary which identifies the parties, a description of the land and other information which would show that the acquisition comes within the terms of Part 151.3; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council believes that the proposed acquisition meets the requirements of 25 CFR Part 151.3 in that the property proposed to be acquired is within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, the Tribe owns an interest in the land, and the acquisition is necessary to further tribal self-determination; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to request the property described herein, be acquired by the Secretary into trust status.

**NOW THERE FOR IT BE RESOLVED,** pursuant to 25 USC § 465 and 25 CFR Part 151 that the Tribal Business Council hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior acquire the following described fee land into trust status on behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes:

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council hereby further authorizes the transfer of title to the land described above to the United States Department of Interior to be held in trust for the benefit of the Three Affiliated Tribes, and requests that the Department of the Interior perform its trust responsibility and expedite the process to place the land described above in trust status with the United States; and

**NOW BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this resolution.



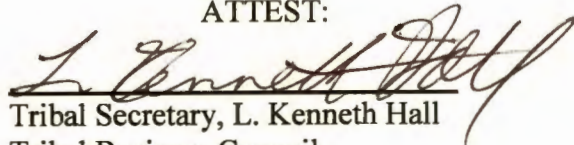
**CERTIFICATION**


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, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016 that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman  Voting.  Not voting.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

ATTEST:

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

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