



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

A Resolution Entitled: “*Financial Assistance Request from the Native American Training Institute, a Tribally-Chartered Entity of the MHA Nation*”

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 pursuant to said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes was adopted by the membership of the Tribes on May 15, 1936 pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and duly approved by the Secretary of Interior, and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that 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 Native American Training Institute (NATI) was chartered by the Three Affiliated Tribes’ Tribal Business Council on February 8, 2001. NATI has been operating for over 20 years and has grown from providing training and technical assistance to ND tribal child welfare workers, to other child welfare and human service agencies across the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, NATI continues to expand their service delivery area to other tribal child welfare and human service organizations to generate additional operation funds to sustain it and to meet the great training needs across Indian Country, especially those served in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, NATI requests financial support for the 16th Annual ND Indian Child Welfare & Wellness Conference, which, will be held on February 22 – 24, 2017 at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Mandan. The MHA Child and Family Services (MHA CFS) program staff attends the conference. Kathy Felix is on the planning committee for the conference. The MHA Tribal Business Council supported NATI with a donation of \$15,000.00 the previous two years; and

WHEREAS, The total expenses for the conference are about \$35,000. The State of North Dakota usually supports the conference in the amount of \$17,800; and



WHEREAS, The Native American Training Institute provides technical assistance and support to the MHA CFS program in numerous ways throughout each year. NATI maintains close contact with all North Dakota child welfare programs. Each Tribal Child Welfare Director sits on the NATI Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, NATI provides cross cultural training in areas such as “Extending Our Families Through Unity Train-the-Trainer”, “Wraparound in Indian Country”, “In the Spirit of ICWA”, and “Historical Trauma”. Native American children and their birth and foster families benefit directly from the training. NATI also provides support to all tribes in North Dakota for Title IV-E and Title IV-B funding which directly benefits all children served by the MHA CFS and the North Dakota Tribal child welfare programs; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council wishes to continue to support the efforts of NATI.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby approves funding to the Native American Training Institute in the amount of \$14,000.00 to support he upcoming North Dakota Indian Child Welfare Conference.


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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8th day of February, 2016, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

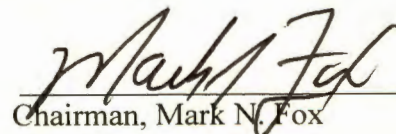
Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:



Executive Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes



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