



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

**A Resolution Entitled: *“Approval of the Tribal Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) study to be conducted by North Dakota State Department of Health (NDDoH) to evaluate MHA’s maternal and infant health.”***

**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**, PRAMS, the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, is a collaborative project between the North Dakota State Health Department , the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Division of Reproductive Health, the Tribal Nations Research Group and the North Dakota State University American Indian Public Health Resource Center;

**WHEREAS**, The overall goal of a Tribal PRAMS study is to find out why some infants are born healthier than others. This is done by collecting data on maternal and infant health by asking new mothers questions about their health before, during, and after pregnancy and questions about their new baby.

**WHEREAS**, Culturally appropriate marketing materials such as fliers, postcards, pre-letters, and reminders will be created and distributed to new mothers with information as to why a Tribal PRAMS study is important and how they can help;

**WHEREAS**, Surveys for this Tribal PRAMS will be sent out to new mothers to help create healthier Native mothers and babies beginning in April of 2017;

**WHEREAS**, The North Dakota State University’s American Indian Public Health Resource Center’s mission is to address inequalities in the American Indian health status by increasing knowledge and data collected

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota State University's American Indian Public Health Resource Center will help create, distribute, and collect PRAMS materials to Tribal mothers to help facilitate data collection, and will also collect survey data to compile and analyze, and share results of the survey with the Tribe.

**WHEREAS**, The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, is a collaborative project between the North Dakota State Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Reproductive Health, data collected will be reported in aggregate to the North Dakota State Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and results will be published;

**WHEREAS**, Data specific to the Three Affiliated Tribes will be reported back to the community by North Dakota State University's American Indian Public Health Resource Center's and will be the property of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the American Indian Public Health Resource Center is authorized to work with the Tribe to conduct the Tribal PRAMS study with the goal of improving Native maternal and infant health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation grants permission to the researcher to use all collected information to write and submit papers for journal publication for the purpose of increasing the body of research for American Indian populations;

**BE IT FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, specific information collected belongs to the MHA Nation and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional tribal authorization.



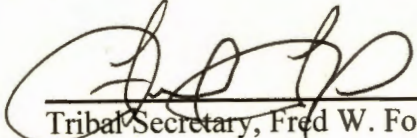
**CERTIFICATION**

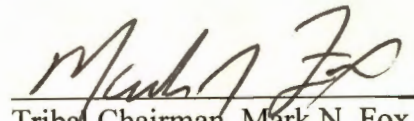
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 [ X ] voting. [ ] not voting.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

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

  
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Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
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