



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

A Resolution entitled, “*Declaration of Drought Emergency for the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.*”

WHEREAS, This Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (the "MHA 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 its Constitution and By-Laws, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council, its Agencies and Officials; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has authority to engage in activities on behalf of and for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Article IX Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with tribal lands and resources; and

WHEREAS, A drought emergency exists throughout the MHA Nation, and the MHA Nation and its Segments may be eligible for federal assistance and other emergency relief; and

WHEREAS, Lack of precipitation during the spring and early summer months of 2017 have caused dry conditions and low soil moisture levels that have had a detrimental impact on crop and pasture conditions throughout the MHA Nation; and

WHEREAS, The United States Drought Monitor shows large portions of the MHA Nation to be in moderate, severe, and extreme drought; and

WHEREAS, These conditions have had an adverse impact on livestock pasture conditions and water supplies, crop emergence and production, and agribusiness in general;

WHEREAS, Current and anticipated drought conditions will contribute to water supply shortages for livestock and agricultural producers within the MHA Nation; and



WHEREAS, Producers may be forced into supplemental feeding and sell-down of livestock herds to sustain operations during this period of drought conditions;

WHEREAS, Financial losses to the agricultural industry and agri-business constitute a serious cultural and economic hardship for the enrolled members the MHA Nation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby declares that a drought emergency exists within the MHA Nation on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes orders and directs that all applicable departments of the MHA Nation proceed with all available measures and application processes for purposes of obtaining and securing relief for the farmers, ranchers, and other drought affected members of the MHA Nation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby directed to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.



CERTIFICATION

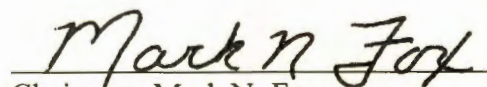
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (5) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a regular Tribal Business Council Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 15th day of September, 2017, 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 [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2017.


Acting Secretary, Cory Spotted Bear
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council