



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

A Resolution Entitled, “*Support for S. 1953 – the Tribal Law and Order Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2017*”

- WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (“MHA Nation”) having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (“Act”), and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The MHA Nation has the inherent authority to impose taxes on economic activity within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, to defray the cost of providing essential governmental services, and to fund essential government services; and
- WHEREAS,** Article III, Section I of the Constitution of the MHA Nation provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council’s responsibility includes promoting the health, security, economic, and general welfare, of both members and non-members residing or conducting business on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** On October 5, Sen. Hoeven (R-ND) introduced S. 1953, a bill to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** S. 1953 requires the Director of the Office of Justice Services (“OJS”) to submit a report on BIA Law Enforcement, permits rentals for quarters/facilities for employees of OJS, and extends both law enforcement and judicial training under the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and public safety and community policing grants under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act from 2018-2022 (otherwise both ended in 2015); and
- WHEREAS,** The bill calls for the integration and coordination of programs, requires consultation with tribes on the feasibility and effectiveness of establishing base funding for integration and coordination of federal law enforcement, public safety, substance abuse and mental health programs for Indians through DOI, HHS, and DOJ; and



WHEREAS, S. 1953 permits data sharing with tribes by establishing a Tribal Access Program to enhance the ability of tribes to access, enter information and obtain information from Federal criminal information databases, while at the same time providing technical assistance and training for tribes; and

WHEREAS, The definition of “trespass” on Indian land under 18 U.S.C. § 1165 would be amended to allow tribes to address increasing problems such as sexual assault and stalking as a criminal trespass offense; and

WHEREAS, Detention facilities would also be addressed by amending both Section 3 of ILERA and Section 103 of the Indian Tribal Justice Act to add alternatives to detention and allow tribes to use any available detention funding for appropriate alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Several important tribal programs would be extended an additional 5 years from 2018-2022 after ending in 2015, such as Juvenile Detention Centers under the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, tribal court training under Section 201 of the Indian Tribal Justice Act, and payments for incarceration on tribal land under the VCCLE Act; and

WHEREAS, Title II seeks to improve Justice for Indian Youth through the reauthorization of tribal youth programs, assistance for tribes to improve juvenile crime rates, and providing grants for delinquency prevention programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation, pursuant to its constitutional authority, strongly supports the passage of S. 1953 to improve the administration of criminal justice in Indian Country and serve as a vehicle for improvements to the juvenile justice system.

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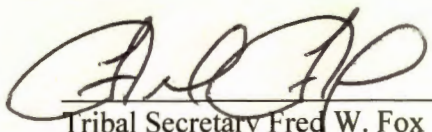


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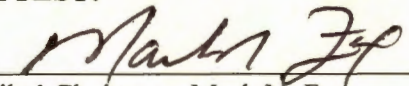
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 15th day of November, 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 November, 2017.



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

ATTEST:


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