



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

A Resolution Entitled, “*Support for S. 1942 – Savanna’s Act*”

- 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,** Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) recently introduced S. 1942, a bill to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, and for other purposes, also known as “Savanna’s Act”; and
- WHEREAS,** American Indian and Alaska Native (“AI/AN”) women are murdered at ten times the national average, are 2.5 times more likely to experience violent crimes, and 2 times more likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes compared to all other races; and
- WHEREAS,** 84.3% of AI/AN women have experienced violence in their lifetime while homicide is one of the leading causes of death among AI/AN women; AND
- WHEREAS,** According to a 2010 GAO Report, U.S. Attorneys declined to prosecute over half of the violent crimes that occurred in Indian Country, despite the alarming statistics; and
- WHEREAS,** the complicated jurisdictional scene and lack of resources in Indian Country makes it difficult to address this serious problem; and



WHEREAS, S. 1942 would clarify responsibilities of federal, state, tribal and local governments responding to cases of missing and murdered Indians, increase coordination and communication, empower tribal governments with resources and information necessary to respond to these cases, and increase data collection and sharing among all parties. Federal databases would be changed to include victims' tribal enrollment information, while standardized protocols would also be developed for responding to cases of missing and murdered Indians.

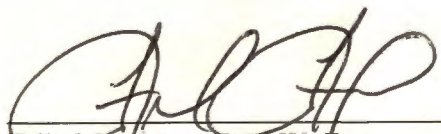
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation, pursuant to its constitutional authority, supports Sen. Heitkamp's efforts to address crimes against American Indian Alaska Native women with the passage of S. 1942 and respectfully requests Congress to consider this important bill.

CERTIFICATION

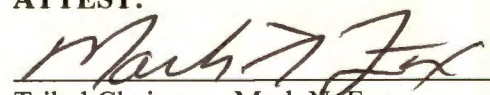
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly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