



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

A Resolution Entitled, “*Requesting Funds for Disaster Assistance From the Native American Agriculture Fund.*”

- WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation), also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, the authority under said Act, and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws (the Constitution) under said Act, and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution 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 MHA Nation and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of the 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 Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) is a trust created by the settlement of the *Keepseagle vs. Vilsack* class action lawsuit in which Native Americans including MHA farmers and ranchers faced discriminatory practices in USDA lending; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2018, the court directed remaining undistributed settlement funds be distributed through the newly created NAAF within 20 years, and the fund contains approximately \$266 million; and
- WHEREAS,** Business assistance is included in NAAF’s mission areas and grants are distributed to the following eligible organizations: 501(c)(3) organizations, educational organizations, CDFIs, Native CDFIs and Tribal governments; and
- WHEREAS,** The MHA Nation is an eligible entity and business assistance includes business continuity and disaster recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** Farmers and ranchers who are members of the MHA Nation have suffered and continue to suffer losses due to natural disasters and the Tribal Business Council finds it necessary to obtain funding from the NAAF to assist its member farmers and ranchers in recovering from such natural disasters.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That as an organization eligible to receive grants from the NAAF, the MHA Nation hereby requests the maximum amount of funding available from the NAAF to assist its member farmers and ranchers in recovery from natural disasters; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the MHA Nation may authorize such grant applications and other action as is necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

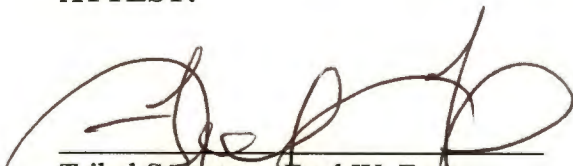
CERTIFICATION

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 (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8th day of October, 2020, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

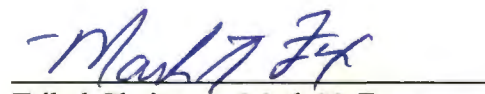
Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2020.

ATTEST:



Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council



Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council