



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

***A Resolution Entitled, "Request to the Secretary of Interior to Acquire Certain Tribal Fee Lands in Trust for the Benefit of the Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation"***

- 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(l) 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 MHA Nation owns the surface estate of certain fee land located in Mercer County, North Dakota which is fully described in the attached deed which is attached as **Attachment A** and incorporated herein by reference; and
- WHEREAS,** The MHA Nation uses said fee lands for agriculture, recreation, and hunting; and
- WHEREAS,** The Secretary of Interior is authorized to acquire trust title for the benefit of the MHA Nation pursuant to the general acquisition authority provided in Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 5108; and
- WHEREAS,** Said fee land was purchased in 2020 and lies adjacent to the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and is considered to be an on-Reservation acquisition; and
- WHEREAS,** The acquisition of trust title will be in the best interest of the Nation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council requests that the Secretary of Interior acquire trust title to the Mercer Ranch which is approximately 955 acres of land located in Mercer County, pursuant to the authority granted him by Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 5108.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council authorizes the transfer of title to said lands to the United States Department of Interior to be held in trust for the benefit of the Nation, and requests the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, expedite the process to place said lands in trust for the benefits of the MHA Nation.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** The Tribal Chairman is authorized to take such action as is necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

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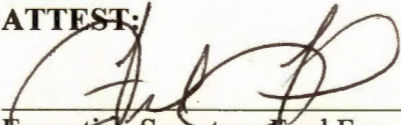
**CERTIFICATION**

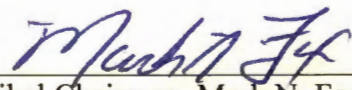
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Executive Secretary Fred Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
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Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
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