



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

A Resolution entitled, "Request for Reservation Proclamation of Mercer County Ranch."

- WHEREAS,** This Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes (the "MHA Nation" or "Tribes"), 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,** Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution generally 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 Nation and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(i) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to manage Tribal lands, interests in Tribal lands, and property upon such lands, in conformity with Article IX of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(j) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2020 the Nation purchased land adjacent to the Reservation in Mercer county (the "Mercer County Ranch"), for the purpose of incorporating the Ranch into the Tribe's agricultural industry; and
- WHEREAS,** On April 8, 2021 the Nation, by Resolution No. 21-077-FWF, formally requested the Federal Government to accept title to the Mercer County Ranch in trust for the Tribe for agricultural purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Mercer County Ranch is approximately 955 acres in size, the legal description of which is more particularly described in Resolution 21-077-FWF and Appendix A hereof; and
- WHEREAS,** The Secretary of the Interior is authorized by 25 U.S.C. § 5110 to issue a proclamation adding the Mercer County Ranch to the Fort Berthold Reservation when taken in trust pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 5108; and



WHEREAS, It is appropriate to proclaim the Mercer County Ranch a part of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation because it is adjacent and contiguous to the Reservation and was formerly within the Reservation boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nation, having formally requested the Mercer County Ranch be transferred to the United States in Trust for the Nation, now requests a Proclamation under 25 U.S.C. § 5110 that the Mercer County Ranch, when taken it trust, be formally added to and made a part of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

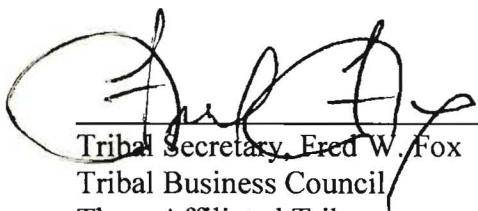
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

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 (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 13th day of May, 2021, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman Voting. Not Voting.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2021.



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

ATTEST:


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



APPENDIX A

Mercer County Ranch Legal Description for Proclamation Request

Township 146 North, Range 90 West, Mercer County, ND

Section 9: S/2

Section 15: W/2

Section 16: W/2