



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

**A Resolution Entitled, “*Approval of the MHA Disaster Feed Assistance Program*”**

**WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (“MHA Nation” or “Tribes”) having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (“IRA”), and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to 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,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** The livestock producers of the MHA Nation are suffering from severe drought conditions, as well as the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council desires to create the MHA Disaster Feed Program to assist enrolled member livestock producers of the Nation who are suffering financial distress from the drought conditions and pandemic, to be managed by the Natural Resources Committee.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council hereby approves and creates the *MHA Disaster Feed Program*, under the following terms and conditions:

1. The *MHA Disaster Feed Program* shall be managed by the Natural Resources Committee (NRC).
2. To qualify for participation in the *MHA Disaster Feed Program*, an applicant must be an enrolled member and livestock producer within the exterior boundaries of the MHA Nation, and shall apply for relief on forms approved by the NRC.
3. A representative of the *MHA Disaster Feed Program* will visit each Ranch requesting assistance to verify the base herd, cow, bull and horse numbers.
4. All livestock must be branded with Applicant’s brand (leased livestock will not qualify).
5. Each approved Ranch will receive hay, cake, and/or mineral/salt for cows, bulls and up to 5 horses per Ranch.



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6. Assistance will be provided at the rate of \$128.00 per AUM that has been verified by the *MHA Disaster Feed Program*.
  - a. AUM= Animal unit month; 1 mature cow and calf.
  - b. AUM is based on amount of forage required by 1 AUM for one month.
7. The NRC shall establish such other reasonable terms, conditions, and procedures as appropriate in the circumstances.
8. The NRC shall review the applications from each Segment and approve applications that meet the requirements of this Resolution.
9. The sum of \$250,000.00 is hereby approved and appropriated for implementation of the *MHA Disaster Feed Program*, with \$125,000.00, to be allocated to the NRC immediately for disbursement to MHA enrolled ranchers, and second instalment of \$125,000.00 to be drawn down within thirty days of this Resolution; further funding thereafter shall be at the discretion of the Tribal Business Council.
10. The *MHA Disaster Feed Program* shall be implemented immediately and continue until terminated by the Tribal Business Council.

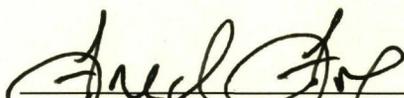
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** That the MHA Finance Department shall take such steps as necessary to establish drawdown and payment procedures for the prompt implementation and execution of the MHA Disaster Feed Program.

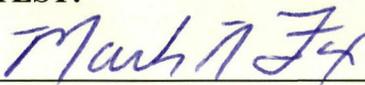
**CERTIFICATION**

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 [ X ] Voting. [ ] Not Voting.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

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

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