

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

## A Resolution Entitled, "Declaring Support for the U.S. Department of the Interior's Removal of the Derogatory Word from Geographic Landmarks"

- 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 MHA Nation's Constitution and By-laws, 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, The Secretary of the Interior issued Secretarial Order (SO) 3404 on Nov. 19, 2021, declaring the word "squaw" a derogatory term and implementing procedures to remove it from federal use; and
- **WHEREAS,** SO 3404 directs the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to develop a list of locations that contain the derogatory word and generate a list of replacement names.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby declares support for the Department of the Interior's mission to remove the derogatory squaw word, and any other words that are derogatory to Indian people or Nations and identify replacement names for various locations, including those locations within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

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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, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.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 15<sup>th</sup> day of <u>April</u>, 2022.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Frederick W. Fox, Sr. Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes

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