



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

***A Resolution Entitled, "Expanding Authority of the MHA Recovery Team to Approve Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Placement for Tribal Members."***

- WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes ("MHA Nation" or "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 recovery of Tribal members from drug and alcohol addiction is one of the most important objectives of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council desired to establish a policy that would ensure monetary efficiency and provide consistent treatment plans to Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council determined by Resolution No. 21-131-FWF that for any drug or alcohol recovery program paid for by the Tribes, the policy requires that the Tribal member be sent to a treatment facility commensurate with that member's clinical evaluation and that placement of the Tribal member shall be approved and facilitated by the MHA Recovery Team; and



**WHEREAS,** Since enactment of the aforementioned Resolution and during the implementation thereof, the Tribal Business Council has undertaken further analysis of funding issues and the scope of service issues regarding Tribal members; and

**WHEREAS,** Based on that analysis, the Tribal Business Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Tribes to expand on the authority given to the MHA Recovery Team per Resolution No. 21-131-FWF to include approval for placement at all facilities (inpatient and outpatient) providing recovery services to Tribal members.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes directs that the authorization previously issued by the Tribal Business Council per Resolution No. 21-131-FWF with regards to the MHA Recovery Team approving placement of Tribal members for residential inpatient treatment shall continue in force; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MHA Recovery Team is hereby granted expanded authority to approve placement at all facilities (inpatient and outpatient) providing recovery services to Tribal members; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the MHA Recovery Team is also authorized to administer and facilitate the prior authorization, utilization review, and case management of SUD Benefits available through the MHA Tribal Insurance Self-Funded Plan.

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**CERTIFICATION**


I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022; 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**ATTEST:**

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

  
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Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
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