



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

A Resolution entitled, “Emergency Cultural Preservation for Songs, Societies, Language, Story Telling, Historical Dates and Documents, Landmarks, Sacred Objects, and Non-Funerary Cultural Items for the Three Affiliated Tribes.”

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws pursuant to said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes, also known as the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (“Tribes” or “MHA Nation”) was adopted by membership of the Tribes on May 15th, 1936 pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and duly approved by the Secretary of Interior; 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 of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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 Tribe and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Tribes’ sovereignty is tied to the preservation of culture and the Tribes recognize that if we do not retain our culture, the future of our Tribes could be in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recognizes the emergent need of the preservation of our songs, societies, languages, story telling, historical documents, landmarks, sacred objects, and non-funerary cultural items; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council hereby recognizes the need to establish a “Emergency Preservation Committee” to help preserve our culture; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recognizes that an official repository is needed to preserve the Tribes’ historical documents, sacred objects, digitized items, and all other cultural items of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara; and



WHEREAS, The MHA Nation’s Interpretative Center is qualified and has the resources to be designated as the Three Affiliated Tribes’ official repository for its historical documents, sacred objects, songs, language, story telling, landmarks, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby designates the MHA Nation Interpretative Center as the official repository of the Tribes’ historical documents, sacred objects, and non-funerary cultural items for collection and digitization and preservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby proclaims a State of Emergency for the preservation of song, societies, languages, stories, historical documents, sacred objects, landmarks, and non-funerary cultural items of the Tribes and an Emergency Preservation Committee will be formed and appointed by the Tribal Business Council to meet and input how to help preserve such cultural items; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MHA Nation’s Interpretative Center has the authority to secure funding, property, and/or equipment necessary to record and preserve the Tribes’ historical documents, sacred objects, and non-funerary cultural items and with a priority of recording and saving songs, societies, clans, language, story telling, historical documents and dates and landmarks.


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 April 2023, 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 [] Voting. [X] Not Voting.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:


Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council


Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council