



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

A Resolution Entitled, “*Request to Bureau of Indian Affairs on Behalf of Tribes’ Child Support Program.*”

- WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes (“MHA Nation” or “Tribe”), 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,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Nation and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes for the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council recognizes that our children are our most precious resource: they are the future, and their development and growth necessitate adequate support from each parent; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Code of Federal Regulations 25 CFR Section 115 - Subpart E – “IIM Accounts: Hearing Process for Restricting an IIM Account” sets forth Regulations for the Secretary of the Interior to follow to restrict IIM accounts. The BIA may restrict an IIM account through an encumbrance if the BIA receives an order from a court of competent jurisdiction awarding child support from an IIM account; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council desires that the local Bureau of Indian Affairs office under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior fully comply with the above legal processes and requirements in a timely and professional manner.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes requests that the BIA fully comply with the provisions of 25 CFR 115, in a prompt and judicious manner, to avoid financial hardship and detriment to Tribal children, based upon the need for proper parental financial care and provision.


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 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 13th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:



Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council



Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council