



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

**A Resolution Entitled, “*Supporting the creation of the Maah Daah Hey National Monument, Upon Consultation with the MHA Nation.*”**

**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 North Dakota Badlands are the ancestral lands of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** The Maah Daah Hey National Monument proposal is a proposal asking President Joseph Biden to permanently protect 130,000 acres in the ancestral lands of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation along the existing Maah Daah Hey Trail; and

**WHEREAS,** The name “Maah Daah Hey” means “Grandfather, long-lasting” in Mandan and was coined by prominent Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara enrolled member and former Mount Rushmore Superintendent, Gerard Baker, as a way to name the 150 mile trail through the North Dakota Badlands; and

**WHEREAS,** The lands within the proposed Maah Daah Hey National Monument contain vast historical, biological, cultural, and scenic value; and



**WHEREAS,** The North Dakota Badlands history as presented mainly focuses on former President Roosevelt, rather than the original people that lived in the North Dakota Badlands; and

**WHEREAS,** The creation of the Maah Daah Hey National Monument will help correct the narrative surrounding the North Dakota Badlands by having a monument that recognizes the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation's long standing history with and connection to the North Dakota Badlands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation supports the creation of the Maah Daah Hey National Monument by President Joseph Biden upon consultation with the MHA Nation; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the MHA Nation requests that it also be regularly consulted with regard to the management of the Maah Daah Hey National Monument if it does become an official National Monument.

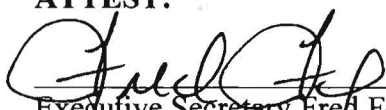
### **CERTIFICATION**

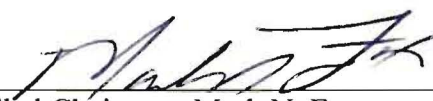
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, 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. Signature page to follow.

Chairman  Voting.  Not Voting.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

  
Executive Secretary Fred Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

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