



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

**A Resolution Entitled: *Authorizing Fort Berthold Native American Church Chapter and Native American Church of North America to apply through MHA Nation to the Administration for Native Americans Social Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) 2024 Grant cycle.***

**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 MHA Nation has an interest in promoting social, mental, physical wellness through cultural, ceremonial, and spiritual engagement of families and communities on the Ft. Berthold Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Native American Church Chapter and Native American Church of North America wish to apply to Administration for Native Americans (“ANA”) under the Social Economic Development Strategies (“SEDS”) category through the eligibility of the MHA Nation and,

**WHEREAS,** The purpose of this application is to launch a section 17 IRA Tribal Charter creating a consortium of Peyote tribes that will increase capacity for stewardship of land management, medicine harvest, medicine distribution, Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) relations, and compliance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act 1994 peyote amendments; and

**WHEREAS,** The MHA Nation recognizes an urgent need to maintain peyote habitat, medicine access, and incentivize public private partnerships in support of the Native American Church; and

**WHEREAS,** The viability of the Native American Church is contingent on preservation of habitat in southwest Texas that sustains naturally occurring peyote, requiring all peyote tribes to coordinate strategies in a comprehensive approach; and



**WHEREAS,** The National Congress of American Indians (“NCAI”) supports through Resolution (NO-23-057) a comprehensive plan designed by NCAI Peyote Task Force tribes that will be the basis for objectives, work plans, and the goal of medicine sustainability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation authorizes the Fort Berthold Native American Church Chapter and Native American Church of North America to apply to ANA SEDS during the 2024 grant cycle through the MHA Nation, as allowable by the terms of the grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that MHA Planning and Grants Department shall assist with all applicable resources to assure ANA Portal access, needed forms and documentation, and coordination with Fort Berthold Native American Church Chapter grant writers to complete and submit this grant by the May 22, 2024 deadline; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.


**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, 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  Voting.  Not Voting.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

  
Executive Secretary Fred Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

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