



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

***A Resolution Entitled, “Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plant List for Mapping, Inventory and Control on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara 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 objectives are to prevent the establishment of noxious weed and invasive plant for the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation concurrently with the management of existing populations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s GIS Department will conduct Inventory, Mapping, and Monitoring to establish scope of weed infestations and to monitor progress using geographic information systems according to the approved list in this Resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** The collected information will provide a basis for reduction in noxious weeds and overall best management practices. Basic goals of management are to achieve and maintain plant communities that will protect the potential productivity of the soil and to provide desired benefits (i.e. livestock forage, wildlife habitat, ecological services); and



**WHEREAS,** The Reservation-wide noxious weed management efforts will designate undesirable plant species determined by the Tribe, county, state, and federal agencies. "Noxious weed" means an alien plant or a part of an alien plant that has been designated by rule as being noxious or has been declared a noxious weed by a local advisory board, and meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Aggressively invades or is detrimental to economic crops or native plant communities.
- Is poisonous to livestock.
- Is a carrier of detrimental insects, diseases, or parasites
- The direct or indirect effect of the presence of this plant is detrimental to the environmentally sound management of natural or agricultural ecosystems.

**WHEREAS,** This Resolution will further categorize noxious weeds and invasive plants into four lists:

- "List A", which means rare noxious weed species that are subject to eradication wherever detected statewide in order to protect neighboring lands and the state as a whole.  
(A Guide to North Dakota Noxious and Troublesome Weeds W1691)
- "List B", which means noxious weed species with discrete statewide distributions that are subject to eradication, containment, or suppression in portions of the state designated by the commissioner in order to stop the continued spread of these species.  
(A Guide to North Dakota Noxious and Troublesome Weeds W1691)
- "List C", which means widespread and well-established noxious and invasive plant species for which control is recommended but not required although local governing bodies may require management.  
(A Guide to North Dakota Noxious and Troublesome Weeds W1691)
- "List D", which means culturally significant plants that are medicinal, edible, ceremonial and that are utilized by the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara. (Ethnobotanical Field Guide of the Missouri River Trench and Environs)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes herein establishes the noxious weed and invasive plant list on the Fort Berthold Reservation for the GIS Department to inventory, map, and monitor; and



**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Chairman is authorized to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate 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 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 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