



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

A Resolution entitled, “A proposal to study the impacts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assaults and stalking as a result of the development of the Bakken oil and gas reserves within the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation), funded by the National Institute of Justice.”

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and,

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation), provides that the People of the MHA Nation hereby grant to the Governing Body of the MHA Nation all necessary sovereign authority – Legislative and Judicial – for the purpose of exercising the jurisdiction granted by the People in Article I of this Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the MHA Nation generally 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 Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution of the MHA Nation specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to adopt resolutions and ordinances regulating the procedure of the Governing Body and of other instrumentalities operating within the MHA Nation; and,

WHEREAS, The MHA Nation and its members are currently experiencing unprecedented violent criminal activity as a result of the exploration of the Bakken oil and gas reserves, which has brought hundreds of non-tribal individuals to our homeland who pose a threat to our public and personal safety, health and social welfare programs, judicial operations and criminal justice systems; and,

WHEREAS, It is the considered judgment of the Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation to give its consent to researchers from the University of North Dakota, who received funding from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), to study the impact of oil development in the Bakken on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assaults, and stalking within the MHA Nation; and,



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WHEREAS, It is vitally important for the peace and dignity of our Tribal Nation and to the public safety of its members, to provide analytical studies, research and statistics to enhance and promote educational, health, social, legal and judicial strategies for adult and minor Tribal members, for the purposes of protecting Tribal members from violence in the home and in the communities of the MHA Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation shall require the members of the study commission to meet with pertinent program directors within the MHA Nation, and that the study commission obtain the necessary “consents” from individual Tribal members before utilizing the names of any Tribal members in any written form or publication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council, pursuant to its express Constitutional power and authority, hereby approves a commission from the University of North Dakota to study the impacts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assaults and stalking to determine if it has significantly increased as a result of the Bakken oil and gas development within the MHA Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The study commission from the University of North Dakota shall submit written annual reports to the Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The study commission is to adhere to the principles of excellence in good government and accountability; to operate with consistency and high ethical standards and clarity; to ensure fairness in the administration of justice; and, to comply with all pertinent Tribal, State and Federal Laws.



CERTIFICATION

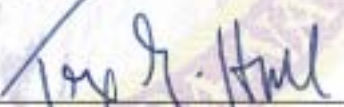
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum of 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 10th day of October, 2013, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 1 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 10th day of October , 2013.



Executive Secretary, V. Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes