



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

A Resolution Entitled, “*Resolution to Affirm the Sacred Status of Peyote (Lophophora Williamsii)/Mescaline and Oppose its Inclusion in any Commercialization Efforts.*”

WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation), also known as the Three Affiliated 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, The MHA Nation is a sovereign Indigenous Nation with the inherent right to protect its sacred traditions, medicines and ceremonial practices; and

WHEREAS, Peyote (*Lophophora Williamsii*)/Mescaline has been used for thousands of years by Indigenous Peoples in sacred ceremonies for healing, prayer, and spiritual guidance; and

WHEREAS, The American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) and associated federal statutes recognize the legal right of Native American Church members to use peyote/mescaline in bona fide religious ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, The increasing efforts to commercialize psychedelic substances, including psilocybin, at the state level pose an ecological, spiritual, and cultural threat to peyote and Indigenous religious sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, Wild peyote/mescaline populations are already endangered due to over harvesting and habitat destruction, and further access could lead to extinction and loss of sacred knowledge; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council finds that any attempt to regulate and commercialize peyote/mescaline without full consultation and free, prior, and informed consent from sovereign tribal nations constitutes a violation of tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby formally opposes the commercialization of peyote/mescaline in any form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Tribal Business Council requests meaningful consultation prior to the enactment of any legislation or regulatory policy regarding psychedelic substances; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That Tribal Business Council affirms peyote/mescaline as a sacred medicine of the people, not a recreational substance, and commits to its spiritual protection, ecological preservation, and intergenerational respect.

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 24th day of June, 2025, 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 24th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:


Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes


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