

Petition for Referendum Vote to the Three Affiliated Tribes

We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Tribal Business Council to conduct a referendum vote on the proposed referendum herein pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes. By signing this petition, we certify that we are enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes and eighteen (18) years of age or older and reside in the community indicated (New Town, Four Bears, Mandaree, Twin Buttes, White Shield, Parshall or Off-Reservation).

PROPOSED REFERENDUM

- 1. The Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation shall reimburse any Tribal member or group that successfully brings a petition for a referendum vote under Article VIII of the Constitution and Bylaws or a petition for a Secretarial Election under Article X of the Constitution and Bylaws.*
- 2. Reimbursement shall include all reasonable and documented fees and costs normally incurred in bringing such a petition, including reasonable legal fees, mileage and per diem, labor and contract costs, mailing costs, copying costs, signature-gathering costs, and other reasonable costs associated with bringing the petition.*
- 3. A petition shall be deemed successful once the Tribal Business Council calls for a referendum vote based on the petition, or the Secretary of the Interior calls for a Secretarial Election based on the petition.*
- 4. The Tribal Business Council shall reimburse the successful Tribal member or group within thirty (30) days after the successful person or group submits a written claim for reimbursement with reasonable supporting documentation to the Three Affiliated Tribes.*
- 5. This referendum is a separate written enactment authorizing reimbursement of reasonable documented fees and costs within the meaning of the Tribe's Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for Equitable Actions to Enforce the Constitution, Laws, and Policies of the Three Affiliated Tribes, and shall be construed consistently with that limited waiver.*
- 6. The Tribal Business Council may not assert sovereign immunity as a defense in any Tribal Court action brought by an eligible person or group seeking declaratory, injunctive, mandamus, or other equitable relief to enforce this referendum, including an order requiring the Tribal Business Council to process, approve, and pay a reimbursement claim authorized by this referendum.*

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7. *This limited enforcement authority shall not be construed as a waiver for damages, punitive damages, interest, lost profits, or any monetary relief other than the reimbursement expressly authorized by this referendum.*
8. *This referendum shall apply to any fees and costs associated with a petition for a referendum vote or Secretarial Election brought in 2023 forward.*

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