

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

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

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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, The Fort Berthold Indian Reservation contains approximately 500,000 acres of land with a potential for oil and gas development which for the most part have not been explored to date; and

WHEREAS, The Tribes have had several meetings with allottee landowners and together the Tribes and the landowners have developed a plan to market and develop Tribal and allottee oil and gas reserves on the Reservation at a time when the increasing price of oil has made Williston Basin development commercially attractive; and

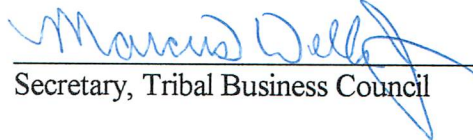
WHEREAS, The Tribes and the allottees have reviewed a format for combining Tribal and allottee oil and gas interests which the Secretary of the Interior has approved at the Fort Peck Reservation, which outline contains the following terms:

- 170,000 acres of Tribal lands will be committed up front to a joint venture
- An exclusive contract partner will be identified and that contractor will contribute its dollars and expertise to the joint venture
- Adjacent and desirable allottee lands will be acquired using public BIA lease sales
- Allottee leases will have a 1/6th royalty, rental, and bonus as determined at the lease sale
- Once acquired, allottee leases will be assigned to the joint venture
- The exclusive contractor pays for all capital up-front costs necessary to acquire allottee leases and to undertake up to 80 miles of 3-D seismic and 4 exploratory wells.

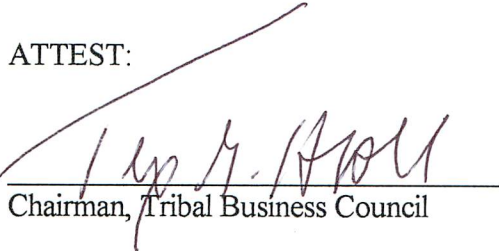
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members, 1 members opposed, 2 members abstained, 1 not voting,
and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2000.


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council