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

- WHEREAS, This Sovereign having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 thereby exercising explicit authority thereof as manifest in Section Three of Article six of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in governmental activities on behalf of and in the interest of the benefit and welfare of the Tribes thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the tribal Business Council to exercise all necessary sovereign authority legislative and judicial granted in Article I of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes has established a Philosophy and Mission for education as a guide for all individuals, communities, programs and education agencies; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes has assumed responsibility for the provision of education services on the Fort Berthold Reservation by establishing a Tribal Education Department to directly oversee all education programs and agencies under the authority of the Tribe, to coordinate all education functions on the Fort Berthold Reservation and to develop Three Affiliated Tribes Codes, Standards and Curriculum for the benefit of the enrolled members of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS, The Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, 103-382, Section 9125, as amended, authorizes federal funding for tribal education departments but to date no funding has been appropriated which is necessary to carry out the provisions of this section; and
- WHEREAS, The Reauthorization Bills:S1180, H.R. 1960, and S.2, as they pertain to TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS are being reviewed for elimination of the authorization for T.E.D.s; and

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby states its full support for continued statutory authorization enacted by Congress for TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT) requests that funding appropriations be provided to tribes, such as TAT, who are in the process of improving education for all members who are students from early childhood to adult to establish Tribal Education Departments.

CERTIFICATION
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom 5 constitutes a quorum,
Dated this10thday ofMarch, 20 <u>00</u>
Secretary Tribal Business Council

Tribal Business Council