

**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 "Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act", found at 42 U.S.C. Sections 5131 et seq., authorizes payments of emergency disaster assistance to states and local communities and local governments but does not recognize the need for disaster assistance to Tribal governments exercising jurisdiction over Indian reservations in which disasters sometimes occur and does not allow tribes to ; and

WHEREAS, A bill is now pending in Congress, S. 1691, which will amend the Stafford Act in many ways, but which still does not recognize the need for providing disaster assistance to tribal governments so that they can best help their members in times of disasters of any kind whatsoever; and which does not allow Tribes to declare the reservation a disaster area for the purpose of seeking such funds; and

WHEREAS, One way to include Tribal Nations in the Stafford Act is simply to add the word tribe, tribes or tribal wherever states and local communities are referenced in the Stafford Act, making tribes eligible for such assistance in times of disasters that affect a particular tribe or tribes; and further providing a definition of Indian tribe consistent with Federal law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby supports amendments to the proposed bill, S. 1691, which attempts to amend the Stafford Act but which does not include tribal needs, by requesting that amendments to the bill be made that would include the word "tribe", "tribes" or "tribal", as appropriate, where ever the words "local community", "state", "local government" appear; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes its Chairman or whichever member of the Tribal Business Council he may choose, to make the position of the Three Affiliated Tribes on this issue known, so as to seek an amendment to the proposed legislation, S. 1691, which would allow tribal governments to participate effectively in disaster relief in the even a major disaster occurs which affects the Tribe.

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 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 21st day of August, 2000; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2000.

Dayton Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council