

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 empowers and authorizes the Tribal Business Council to exercise all necessary sovereign authority-legislative and judicial granted in Article I of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, Through the leadership of the Three Affiliated Tribes a class action lawsuit has been initiated on behalf of tribal members engaged in agriculture, against the USDA for violations of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. This lawsuit is known as *Keepseagle V. Glickman* is seeking class certification.
- WHEREAS, Over 712 Native Americans nationwide has now signed on as plaintiffs and are seeking \$19 billion dollars in damages as well as injunctive relief. Over eighty-five members of the Three Affiliated Tribes have now become plaintiffs; and
- WHEREAS, Plaintiffs have now received notification from Lead Counsel Alexander Pires of the a scheduled hearing on their Motion for Class Certification on October 31st at 2:30 p.m. in front of Judge Bryant in Washington D.C. ;and the plaintiffs counsel has requested representation from the plaintiffs appear at this important hearing; and
- WHEREAS, A coordinated effort is now underway with other North and South Dakota tribes to sponsor a delegation of 30 plaintiffs to the Washington hearing by bus at a total estimated cost of \$27,000 (*See attached budget*). The delegation would depart by bus October 28th from Bismarck and return to Bismarck on November 1st; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the ~~Three Affiliated Tribes~~ wishes to afford the opportunity for at least 15 tribal member plaintiffs to represent the approximately eight five Three Affiliated Tribal Members of the class at this important hearing on Class Certification; and

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes official approval of \$15,000 tribal funds; as designated by the Tribal Business Council; towards the sponsorship of 15 tribal member plaintiffs to attend the October 31st hearing in Washington DC by bus travel. This amount is to be administered by the Executive Committee of the Tribal Business Council.

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. 6 were present at a Regular meeting thereof duly called, noticed, and convened and held on the 12th of October, 20 00; 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 12th day of October, 20 00.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

Attest:

Ty H. Hall
Chairman, Tribal Business Council