

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN 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 authorize 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 natural resources of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation are essential to the health, welfare and sovereignty of the Three Affiliated Tribes and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(j) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes empowers the Tribe to protect and preserve the natural resources of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** That the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council wishes to have their Natural Resources Department continue the process of developing a balanced “integrated natural resource strategic plan” to manage and develop our natural resources in such a way that will protect the integrity of the delicate balance of our environment.
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe has previously adopted a vision and mission statement for a natural resource management plan; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes Natural Resources Department is submitting a competitive proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Integrated Resource Management Plan Development Project for seed monies to assist the tribe in developing its strategic natural resource plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council authorizes the Natural Resources Department to apply for funds available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Integrated Natural Resources Development Project for the purpose of developing a long term integrated natural resource plan for the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that culturally sensitive plant and animal resources and sacred sites will be provided the highest level of protection in all circumstances; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that all reservation communities will be involved in the planning process and that an Integrated Resource Management Plan team will be established and will present by the end of the first six months of the teams inception, a preliminary draft plan to the Tribal Council and reservation communities.

#### 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 five (5) constitute a quorum, 6, were present at a SPECIAL Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 2nd day of April, 2001; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstaining, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2001.

  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council