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 if the Tribes and of the enrolled member s thereof; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes has consistently advocated the creation of new projects for the purpose of decreasing the high unemployment rate on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes in 1990 created a one hundred percent (100%) wholly-owned Tribal chartered corporation called "Mandaree Enterprise Corporation", for the purpose of creating employment and other economic opportunities for the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes supports the Small Business Administration 8(a) Business Development Program; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribally-owned Business (Mandaree Enterprise Corporation) has benefited from the Small Business Administration 8(a) Business Development program that enabled Uniband to secure a five-year contract (COW-6-C-0030) with the Immigration and Naturalization Service; and
- WHEREAS, A strong possibility exists that the Immigration and Naturalization Service will take the add-on contract out of the Small Business 8(a) Program and award it to Goodwill Industries/National Institute of the Severely Handicapped under the Jarvits Wagner O'Day Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes that should the add-on contract be warded to Goodwill Industries/NISH, it will effectively remove for all times, the contract from the Small Business 8(a) Program; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes that should the contract be removed from the Small Business 8(a) Program, it will have a substantial impact on contracting opportunities for Native American Tribally-owned 8(a) companies and other Small Business 8(a) companies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby supports Small Business Administration and Native American Tribally-owned 8(a) companies and other Small Business 8(a) companies to retain the Immigration and Naturalization Service add-on contract in Small Business 8(a) Development Program.

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,
Dated this 17 th day of May, 2001.
Secretary, Tribal Business Council
ATTEST:
Chairman, Tribal Business Council