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

This nation having accepted the Indian reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and authority under said WHEREAS, Act: and this Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business WHEREAS, Council to engage in activities on behalf of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and WHEREAS, the Three Affiliated Tribes has obligated an initial amount of \$500,000 for tourism development under the line item Tourism of the fiscal year 2000 budget; and the Tourism and Independence Development Center's primary project is the development of new Three WHEREAS. Affiliated Tribes Cultural Interpretive Center, which will be the Three Affiliated Tribes' official site to preserve and display artifacts, cultural items and whatever may relate to the natural, civil, literary and ecclesiastical history of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and the entire project is put forward to build the facilities to house a tribal archive (audio, pictures, WHEREAS. documents), a university style library, a language preservation center, a repository of significant Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara artifacts, Historic/Cultural Preservation, and most of all a new museum; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, because of the campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the new Cultural Interpretive Center, the Three Affiliated Tribes will contribute up to \$500,000 for the new Three Affiliated Tribes Cultural Interpretive Center from available Tribal funds. 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 (Regular/Special/other) Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on Tuesday, May 29, 2001; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of ______ members _____ opposed, ____\ members abstained, _____ members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. Dated the 29th day of May, 2001. ATTEST:

Chairman, Tribal Business Council



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April 26, 2001

Dennis Fox, Jr. Independence Program PO Box 610 New Town, ND 58763

Dear Mr. Fox:

This is a formal response to your request for information that pertains to the Cultural Interpretive Center.

Treasurer's Office

MANDAN, HIDATSA, & ARIKARA NATION

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In fiscal year 2000, \$500,000.00 was set aside under the line item Tourism. This line item is yet untouched. Many discussions have taken place in regards to this allocation or set aside. Today this line is still untouched.

In June of 2000, the Independence Program proposed the new *Tourism and Independence Development Center*. In light of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Celebration 2004-2006, the proposal was accepted and approved by the Tribal Business Council. The budget attached required \$250,000.00 annually for three years. The new Tourism Office's initial budget is allocated from fiscal year 2001.

Therefore, the \$500,000.00 that is under the line item, Tourism, is essentially at the discretion of the new Tourism Office. The proposal for the new Tourism and Independence Program Development Center set forth a list of projects in priority, and the foremost project is the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Cultural Interpretive Center.

Thus, the fiscal year 2000 allocation must adhere to the projects listed in the initial Tourism Office **Pro**posal that was approved in September of last year.

Sincerely,

Austin Gillette

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Tribal Business Council

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