

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

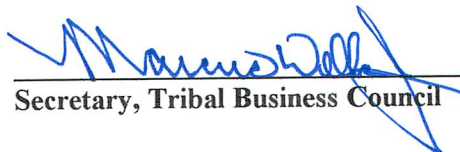
- WHEREAS,** This nation having accepted the Indian reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** this Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tourism and Independence Development Center's primary project is the development of new Three 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
- WHEREAS,** the entire project is put forward to build the facilities to house a tribal archive (audio, pictures, 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
- WHEREAS,** the Three Affiliated Tribes were chosen to host one of ten national "Signature Events" designated by the *National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial* in 2006 with the theme "The Corps Reunites;" and
- WHEREAS,** the Three Affiliated Tribes has obligated an initial amount of \$500,000 for the new Three Affiliated Tribes Cultural Interpretive Center from available Tribal funds in preparation of national focus; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, because the new *Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation Cultural Interpretive Center* project is consistent with National and State strategic plans in preparation for the *National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration 2004-2006*, the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes the Tourism and Independence Development Center to apply for the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Community Facilities Grant.

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, 7 were present at a Regular (Regular/Special/other) Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on Thursday, July 19, 2001; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members 0 opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 19th day of July, 2001.
Chairman voting () not voting



Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Chairman, Tribal Business Council

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- WHEREAS,** This nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and 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 the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes the need for new and expanded economic development activities essential to facilitate economic uplift and to provide access to skills and resources needed for business development by the residents of the six districts; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribes' Independence Program was established May 13, 1997 to promote economic development strategies that will include entrepreneurship training, entrepreneurship development, circle lending and micro-loan fund development; and
- WHEREAS,** The Independence Program has successfully assisted over 60 business start-ups, maintained a client base of over 350 participants, made loans to over 50 of the these business start-ups from a revolving fund that now totals \$264,147.00; and
- WHEREAS,** The Independence Program loan fund is, for practical purposes, currently exhausted; and
- WHEREAS,** The Independence Program operates a comprehensive program, functions as an intermediary, and has been determined to be eligible to apply for a Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan, which would help to create a new micro-loan fund; and

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WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes maintains a Blanket Fidelity Bond of \$100,000 and a Scheduled Fidelity Bond of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, The SBA loan application process requires each Officer who will be authorized and empowered to act in the name of or on behalf of the Tribe in dealing with the SBA in loan matters to submit a "Statement of Personal History";

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council authorizes the Independence Program to apply for a loan through the United States Small Business Administration Micro-Loan Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and empowers, the Officers listed below, in the name and on behalf of the Tribes, to execute and deliver to the Small Business Administration (SBA) the following documents: (a) application for a loan or loans to the Tribe and its Independence Program, the total thereof not to exceed in principal amount \$750,000, maturing upon such date or dates and bearing interest at such rate or rates as may be prescribed by the SBA; (b) applications for any renewals or extensions of all or any part of such loan or loans and of any other loans, heretofore or hereinafter made by the SBA to the Tribe and its Independence Program; (c) the promissory note or notes of the Tribe evidencing such loan or loans or any renewals or extensions thereof; and (d) any other instruments or agreements of the Tribe which may be required by the SBA in connection with such loans, renewals, and/or extensions; and that said Officers, in their discretion may accept any such loan or loans in installments and give one or more notes of the Tribe, therefore, and may receive and endorse in the name of the Tribe any checks or drafts representing such loan or loans or any such installments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all instruments or agreements of the Tribe which may be required by the SBA in connection with such loans, renewals, and/or extensions must be executed by all Officers listed below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid Officers are hereby authorized and empowered to mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate from time to time with the SBA any or all assets of the "SBA Account" of the Independence Program to secure such loan or loans, renewals, and extensions, and to execute in the name of and on behalf of the Tribes, any instruments or agreements deemed necessary or proper by the SBA, in respect of the collateral securing the indebtedness of the Independence Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any indebtedness heretofore contracted and any contracts or agreements heretofore made with the SBA on behalf of the Tribes and the Independence Program, and executed by the aforesaid officers are hereby ratified and confirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SBA is authorized to rely upon the aforesaid resolutions until any receipt of written notice of any change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby directs the Officers listed below to provide the information required by the SBA loan application process in a "Statement of Personal History" .

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Officers referred to above are as follows:

Chairman Hall

Treasurer Bissett

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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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, and convened and held on the 19 day of July, 2001; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting; and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 19 day of July, 2001.

Marcus Dalka
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council