



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

A Resolution entitled, "Opposition to the University of North Dakota's use of the Fighting Sioux name and logo"

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Constitution authorizes and empowers the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Tribal Business Council to engage in activity on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, the use of an American Indian stereotype demeaning by its very nature, whether intended as such or not; and

WHEREAS, these stereotypical symbols create an environment in which degrading acts become more acceptable and promote practices that trivialize and demean Native American culture, traditions and spirituality; and

WHEREAS, the United States Commission on Civil Rights calls for an end to the use of Native American images and team names by non-Native schools acknowledging that such names and logos when promoted by public educational institutions, teach all students that stereotyping of minority groups is acceptable; and

WHEREAS, this is an issue of human rights because the use of such a name and symbol at the University of North Dakota limits the ability of all Native Students to learn and take part in campus and community activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation does hereby support the ending the use of outdated and politically incorrect American Indian stereotypes at the University of North Dakota and all across American that demean the history and culture of Indian nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation supports the aforementioned request to end the University of North Dakota's use of the "Fighting Sioux" name and its accompanying "Indian-head" symbol; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara nation does hereby support this resolution in response to end the national use of stereotypical images that demean, rather than honor American Indian Nations.

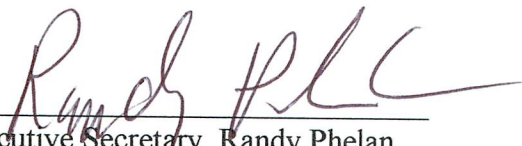


CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian 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 Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 21st day of November, 2002, 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.

Chairman Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2002.



Executive Secretary, Randy Phelan
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council