

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

A Resolution entitled “ Minerals Assessment Project”

- 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 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 comprehensive minerals assessment of the Fort Berthold Reservation to explore the possibility of oil and gas.
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe has an interest in developing mineral resources discovered through the assessment; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes Natural Resources Department is submitting a competitive proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Department of Energy and Mineral Resources Department to retain a private contractor to assess and prepare a written report detailing the local and regional geology, productive trends and analogs and the exploration and development potential of the reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes will consider public release of information obtained from the mineral assessment; and

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 Division of Energy and Mineral Resources for the purpose of continuing the development of a comprehensive minerals assessment of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

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 Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 12th day of December, 2002; 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.

Chairman: Voting Not Voting

Dated this 12th day of December 2002.

Randy Phelan
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council