

**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 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,** Article VI, Section 5 (c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provide that the Tribal Business Council shall have the power to administer Tribal funds or property within the exclusive control of the tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The policy of the tribes is to promote educational development and growth for our children in the instruction of our Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara languages, essential elements of the life, culture, and identity of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Government recognizes the importance of the preserving and perpetuating the languages for the survival of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The New Town Public School District shall include the instruction of the Hidatsa and Arikara languages and culture from grades kindergarten through twelfth grade and for high school graduation credit; and
- WHEREAS,** The Fifty-Fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota, has passed legislation on Senate Bill No. 2491, a bill to create and enact a new section to Chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code:

**Education standards and practices board--Certification of North Dakota**

**American Indian language instructors.** The education standards and practices board may certify an individual as an instructor of North Dakota American Indian languages and culture if the individual is recommended for certification to teach North Dakota native languages by the indigenous language boards created by the four North Dakota tribal governments of this state's reservation and if the individual:

1. Displays competence in North Dakota American Indian languages and culture and has successfully completed a three semester hour course in classroom instruction at a tribal college or other institution of higher education; **or**
2. Holds a baccalaureate degree and has knowledge of and experience in North Dakota American Indian languages and culture.

- WHEREAS,** Iris Bird Bear Obes meets criteria # 1 of the North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 15-38-18.1. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Minot State University and a Master's Degree in Management from the University of Mary. She has successfully completed three hour course in classroom instruction from the University of North Dakota. She is a fluent speaker of the Hidatsa language. She has taught the Hidatsa language and culture at the Fort Berthold Community College for the past six years. She is currently teaching the Hidatsa language and culture at the Edwin Loe Elementary School. She has been employed with the school district for nine years.

Arthur Mandan meets criteria # 2 of the North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 15-38-18.1. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Dakota. He is a military veteran and is active with the Myron Johnson American Legion Post. He is a conversationally fluent speaker of the Hidatsa

language. He is currently teaching the Hidatsa language and culture at the New Town Middle School and the New Town High School. This is his second year of employment with the school district.

Maude Starr meets criteria #2 of the North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 15-38-18.1. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Dakota. She is a conversationally fluent speaker of the Arikara language. She is currently teaching the Arikara language and culture at the Edwin Loe Elementary School. This is her second year of employment with the school district.

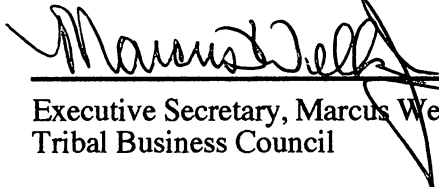
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes goes on record to recognize Iris Bird Bear Obes and Arthur Mandan as certified Hidatsa language instructors and Maude Starr as a certified Arikara language instructor.

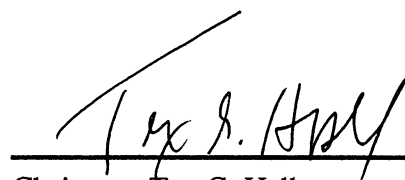
### CERTIFICATION

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 Regular meeting thereof duly called, notices, convened and held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

  
 Executive Secretary, Marcus Wells, Jr.  
 Tribal Business Council

  
 Chairman, Tex G. Hall  
 Tribal Business Council