



**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE THREE AFFILITED TRIBES OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION**

***Resolution to acquire funds for purchasing highly fractioned reservation land***

**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 land base of the Three Affiliated Tribes was substantially reduced over the past 125 years because of allotment and homesteading policies and statutes of the United States that prevented the Tribe from keeping an interest in lands within the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** Land on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation is highly fractionated and will continue to be so due to individual members dying intestate, allowing land in which they have an interest to pass to an increasing number of heirs, each of whom will own a smaller and smaller undivided interest in the real property; and

**WHEREAS,** At the present time the reservation is comprised of about eighty thousand undivided interests in land ranging from .001% to 100% with about one-third of the interests at five percent (5%) or less; while approximately thirty-five percent (35%) of the total tracts of land have 100 % ownership, which leaves approximately sixty-five percent (65%) of all interests in a highly fractionated state; and

**WHEREAS,** It has been determined that it is in the best interests of the Three Affiliated Tribes to request any funds that may be available from the Bureau of Indian Affairs through grants to purchase tracts of highly fractioned lands in order to: 1) lower management costs in administering those lands; 2) to provide some value to the landowners; 3) to build the tribal land base; 4) and to prevent lands from losing trust status through probate by inheritance of non-members; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby directs the Tribal Realty Department to work with the local Bureau of Indian Affairs to develop a proposal for acquiring such funds as may be available to purchase highly fractionated lands on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.



**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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

Daylon Spotted Bear  
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Acting Executive Secretary  
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Tex G. Hall  
Chairman, Tex G. Hall  
Tribal Business Council