



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

A Resolution entitled, "Tribal Request that the BIA exercise appropriate fiduciary responsibility to the Fort Berthold Agency and the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes"

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 Bureau of Indian Affairs Central Office has a carry over from the FY2002 budget in the amount of \$8 million dollars for the Great Plains Region; and

WHEREAS, These funds have been allocated for Trust Services within the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Berthold Agency has a trust responsibility to manage appropriately the 986,000 acres that lie within the Fort Berthold Reservation exterior boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The BIA Fort Berthold Agency has a voluminous backlog of Realty and Range functions which are not being accomplished due to a severe lack of staffing; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe and BIA Fort Berthold Agency has identified the need for 19 positions which, if filled, would cost \$958,000 dollars annually in order to adequately address the fundamental trust responsibility as mandated by Tribal resolution, Federal regulations and statute; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes has identified a similar need in the amount of \$1.4 million dollars to address all of our resource management responsibilities of the Natural Resources Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Three Affiliated Tribes demand that the carryover funds available in the amount of \$2.4 million dollars be allocated to the above-mentioned programs for the needs outlined.



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 28th 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 28th day of April, 2003.

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Acting Executive Secretary
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Tex G. Hall
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Chairman
Tribal Business Council