



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

*A Resolution entitled "Policy for Presentation of Resolutions and Agenda Items to the Tribal Business Council"*

- WHEREAS,** The 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 Nation (MHA Nation) 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,** From time to time the Tribal Business Council considers resolutions and has items placed on the agenda, which are in effect legislation, enacted by the Tribal Business Council as the governing body of the MHA Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** These resolutions or agenda items often have legal consequences and bind to the Nation to take certain actions or are resolutions that have effects on many or all of the members of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Resolutions that are improperly drafted or agenda items that are inappropriate for the Tribal Business Council to consider may have unintended consequences and may not be in the best interests of the MHA Nation, despite the best intentions of the Tribal Business Council in enacting such resolutions or considering such agenda items; and
- WHEREAS,** In order to minimize the effects of resolutions that are not properly drafted, it is the intention of the Tribal Business Council that each resolution introduced by a Tribal member or by a member of the Tribal Business Council go through a review process similar to that used for the passage of legislation by Congress, a state legislature or a city council, which is that at the direction of the Secretary of the Tribal Business Council, and within the timeframes as the Secretary may proscribe, any resolution to be presented to the Tribal Business Council be reviewed by a person (which could include, but not be limited to, in appropriate circumstances, the Tribal Legal Department) skilled in ensuring that the resolution as drafted: 1) satisfies the intentions of the person introducing the resolution; 2) is consistent with Tribal laws and policy, or, if inconsistent, resolves the inconsistency within the body of the resolution; and 3) is in the appropriate format for Tribal resolutions; and



WHEREAS, In order to allow an orderly consideration of all necessary matters brought before the Tribal Business Council, the Tribal Business Council hereby states that each agenda item proposed to be placed on the agenda of the Tribal Business Council be submitted to and reviewed by the Tribal Secretary of the Tribal Business Council and a determination made by the Tribal Secretary regarding the item for inclusion on, or exclusion from, the agenda of each public meeting of the Tribal Business Council, with such determination being subject to challenge by a majority vote of the Tribal Business Council at the commencement of the meeting at which the agenda item is to be considered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby adopts the above policies as stated in the previous two paragraphs for consideration of resolutions and other agenda items at its public meetings, effective with the next scheduled public meeting of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

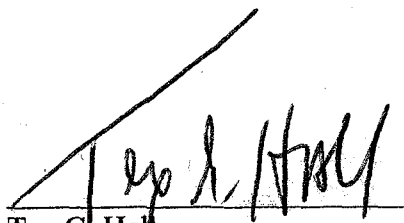
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum; 6 members were present at a Regular Meeting thereof 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 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.

ATTEST:

Daylon Spotted Bear  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Tribal Business Council

  
Tex G. Hall  
Chairman  
Tribal Business Council