



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

**A Resolution entitled "Authorization For Tribal Participation in the Supreme Court Case of U.S. v. Lara."**

- 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 and Bylaws authorizes and empowers the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council to engage in activity on behalf of and in the best interest and welfare of the Tribes and the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** There is presently pending before the United States Supreme Court a case entitled United States v. Lara which involves the question of a Tribe's ability to prosecute non-member Indians for crimes committed on Indian Reservations; and
- WHEREAS,** This outcome of the Supreme Court's decision is critical to Indian tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes has been invited to participate in this case as by submitting an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes has also been asked to provide some statistical information concerning the Fort Berthold Reservation relevant to this case; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council desires to participate in this case to the greatest extent possible and contribute financially towards the submission of an *amicus curiae* brief.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the law firm of Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP to name the Tribe as a participating the Tribe in the submission of an *amicus curiae* brief and further authorizes a contribution in the amount of \$10,000 towards the submission of such a brief.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that Prosecutor Bill Woods is directed to work closely with the Native American Rights Fund and provide statistical information pertinent to the U.S. v. Lara Case.

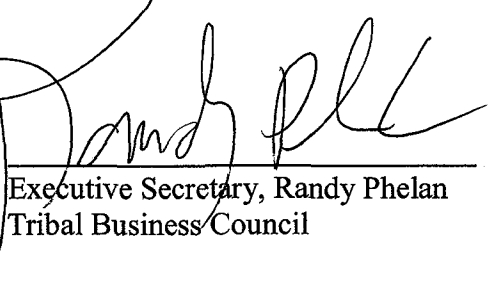


**CERTIFICATION**

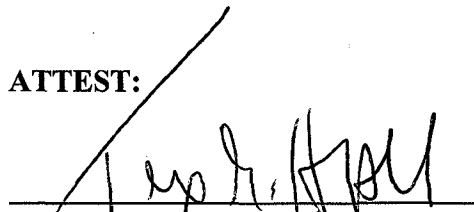
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.

  
Executive Secretary, Randy Phelan  
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tex G. Hall  
Tribal Business Council