



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

A Resolution entitled "Support For ITEA's ANA Grant Application."

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 Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara 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, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation is a member of the Intertribal Economic Alliance (ITEA); and

WHEREAS, ITEA has proposed five new multi-tribal business initiatives, in the areas of: 1) natural beef and buffalo; 2) manufacturing, 3) Healthy Forest, 4) energy, and 5) construction, that can create jobs and businesses on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

WHEREAS, ITEA has also proposed to develop and implement a plan to coordinate the supportive services needed to insure the success of these new initiatives as well as ITEA's first multi-tribal initiative, the Intertribal Information Technology company. These supportive services include upward mobility education programs, child care, marketing, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation is interested in participating in some or all of these initiatives and strongly supports ITEA's creative approaches to creating jobs on reservations such as Ft Berthold; and

WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara tribal members strongly support the ITEA initiatives because these businesses will be creating employment opportunities on the Ft. Berthold Reservation in areas in which the tribal members are interested in obtaining employment.. For example, after attending a meeting on the project, the tribal members who are ranchers are very supportive of the natural beef and buffalo initiative because it will increase their profits and enable them to expand their herds; and

WHEREAS, ITEA is applying to the Administration on Native Americans for grant funds to provide it with a portion of the funds it needs to enable it to develop these initiatives; and



WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council supports ITEA's efforts in applying to ANA for such grant funds.

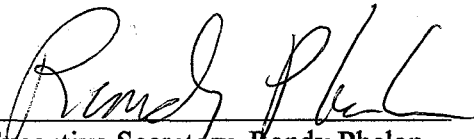
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council hereby endorses ITEA's application for an ANA grant to provide ITEA with a portion of the funds ITEA will need to enable it to develop its five new business initiatives referenced above and its supportive services program.

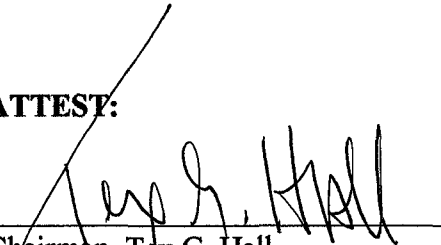
CERTIFICATION

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 16 day of Feb 2004, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 8 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 16 day of Feb., 2004.


Executive Secretary, Randy Phelan
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council