



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

A Resolution entitled, "Support for the Intertribal COUP/ICLEI Energy Independence Day Campaign & Endorsement of the "American Indian & Alaska Native Leadership Statement on Global Warning"

- 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 Three Affiliated Tribes places high regard on the protection of our air, land, water and cultural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribes in the northern Great Plains enjoy one of the world's greatest renewable energy resources in the wind power and share a common interest in promoting the ecologically sustainable economic development of this clean energy resources; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes recognize the value of renewable energy as a strategy for addressing global warming and climate change, as well as for building sustainable homeland economies on our reservations; and
- WHEREAS,** Over 156 U.S. mayors have signed on to a statement recognizing the impact of global warming and accelerated climate change, and the need for national action to address these concerns; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) is part of the worldwide International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI/CCP), with more than 150 participating cities and counties in the United States that have voluntarily pledged to reduce their carbon emissions through for energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy; and
- WHEREAS,** The CCP's goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels and other human activities through "local action plans" designed to address global climate change and improve the quality of life in the member communities; and



WHEREAS, The Intertribal Council On Utility Policy (COUP) and the Cities for Climate Protection (ICLEI-CCP) have proposed a joint *Energy Independence Day Campaign* to bring together rural tribes and urban governments to hasten the day when America is energy secure and independent by promoting tribally-owned large-scale renewable energy projects to meet the emission reduction goals of US Cities for Climate Protection; and

WHEREAS, Each of the local government participating in the *Energy Independence Day Campaign* would be asked to produce or purchase tribal renewable energy (or equivalent green tags) for up to one third of their emission reduction targets. This rural-urban/tribal-cities partnership can create reservation-based jobs, reduce green house gas emissions, and build ecologically sustainable economies based on the clean generation and efficient use of renewable energy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby supports the joint efforts of the Intertribal Council On Utility Policy and the ICLEI-Cities for Climate Protection in organizing the *Energy Independence Day Campaign* to encourage tribal wind and renewable energy development and the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions and endorses the attached "American Indian and Alaska Native Leadership Statement On Global Warning."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council, as tribal leaders responsible for the well being of our tribal nation, communities and of our impact on the natural world, joins with the U.S. Mayors in their Oct. 22, 2003 Statement on Global Warning and urge the federal government to maintain, enhance and implement new domestic policies and programs that can work with Indian nations, tribes, bands, villages, pueblos, rancheros and local communities to reduce global warming pollution and support renewable energy development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes urges the federal government to recognize that it owns, operates and maintains an extensive system of transmission lines that were built to carry renewable energy from federally managed dams, and that these transmission grid systems, which are often now dominated by fossil fuel generation, could also be used to support the delivery of renewable energy from rural America to meet urban renewable electricity demand.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes urge the elected representatives of the U.S. cities concerned about impacts of climate change and interested in developing America's renewable energy resources to join with American Indian and Alaska Natives in the "March Forth to Energy Independence Day!" campaign, beginning at the Denver March Pow-Wow (March 19, 21) and arriving in Washington DC (July 4, 2004), to support the U.S. reduction of



greenhouse gas emissions through the development of strong, sustainable rural and urban economies built upon efficiency and renewable energy.


CERTIFICATION

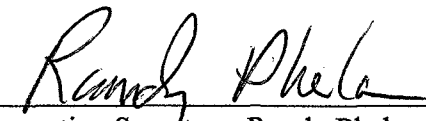
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 11 day of March, 2004, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 1 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 11 day of March, 2004.

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council


Executive Secretary, Randy Phelan
Tribal Business Council