



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

A Resolution Entitled: Beacon Island Agate Basin Site

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws pursuant to said Act; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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, Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically grants the Tribal Business Council the authority to negotiate with the federal government on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council values the ancient heritage of the Fort Berthold Reservation and recognizes the rich prehistoric record existing within the lands of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council acknowledges the potential educational benefits that such prehistoric sites hold for the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara people; and

WHEREAS, There is prehistoric site identified on U.S. Army Corp of Engineers managed property located at Beacon Island in Little Knife Bay in Lake Sakakawea which is approximately 2 miles north of Four Bears Bridge; and

WHEREAS, The Beacon Island Agate Basin Site (Area A) is more than 10,000 years old and possesses evidence of a "bison kill" and camp site; and

WHEREAS, The prehistoric site known as Beacon Island Agate Basin Site (Area A) is in imminent danger of eroding and disappearing, and there is an urgent need to rescue the remainder of the site by excavation; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council acknowledges that the Three Affiliated Tribes have developed a positive relationship with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and that the Tribes and the Corps have worked cooperatively together to establish the best use of Corps managed land on the Fort Berthold Reservation.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council hereby requests that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recognize, promote and support an archaeological plan and project to rescue and preserve the remains of the prehistoric sites on Beacon Island;

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Forth Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 15 day of February 2005; 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 15 day of February 2005.

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Secretary, Nathan Hale
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

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Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council