

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

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- 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 under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 (1) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council has authority according to the terms of the said Constitution to protect the health and welfare of its Tribal members; and
- **WHEREAS,** Mad Cow Disease has been detected in Canadian beef within the past couple of years; and
- WHEREAS, Mad Cow Disease represents a serious health risk to those that eat beef from cattle inflicted with Mad Cow Disease; and
- WHEREAS, The United States has prohibited Canadian beef from being sold in the United States as a result of this serious health risk; and
- WHEREAS, The United States is considering opening its borders to allow the sale of Canadian beef; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council opposes the sale of Canadian beef in the United States as this beef could make it to the Fort Berthold Reservation and the Tribal Business Council believes that Canadian beef continues to be unsafe as the Canadian government and beef industry have failed to implement the safety precautions necessary to ensure that all of its beef is free of Mad Cow Disease.



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NOW THERE FOR IT BE RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Council hereby formally opposes the sale of Canadian beef in the United States and upon the Fort Berthold Reservation and hereby requests the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit the sale of Canadian beef in the United States until such time that the Canadian government and beef industry can absolutely prove that it has in place the safety precautions necessary to ensure that all of its beef is free of Mad Cow Disease.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Business Council calls on other tribes and States to oppose the opening of the Canadian Border until all systems are in place.

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 February 16, 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 [X] Voting. [] Not voting.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2005.

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