



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

***A Resolution entitled: "Establishment of the Down Payment Assistance Program and Matching Funds for the Tribal Housing Division."***

- WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under 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 5 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** In order to develop housing to fill the needs of the enrolled members of the Three Tribes, the Tribal Business Council created the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Housing Division; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Housing Division is nearing completion of Phase One of the Dreamcatcher Program and is moving on to Phase Two of this project. The Dreamcatcher program will impact each segment of the Fort Berthold Reservation and will give the opportunity to members of the Three Affiliated Tribes to lease and/or purchase homes. Tribal Housing has ascertained that many prospective home buyers may qualify for home loans, however, they lack appropriate cash reserves needed for down payment and/or closing costs; and
- WHEREAS,** In order to fulfill its mandate to provide affordable housing to all members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Housing Division has requested authority from the Tribal Business Council to develop a Down Payment Assistance Program for enrolled members that do not qualify for the Fort Berthold Housing Authority's Alternative Housing Program; and



**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Housing Division has drafted Policies and Procedures for the Down Payment Assistance Program which are herewith attached; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Housing Division has \$50,000.00 in outside grant funds in its current year budget to establish the Down Payment Assistance Program and has requested a Tribal match of \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council approves the proposed Down Payment Assistance Policies and finds that it is in the best interests of the Tribes and its members to provide matching funds for the Down Payment Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby establishes the Three Affiliated Tribes' Down Payment Assistance Program which shall be administered by the Tribal Housing Division and approves the attached Down Payment Assistance Program Polices and Procedures; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council hereby appropriates \$50,000.00 of tribal funds as matching funds for the Down Payment Assistance Program which shall be added to the Housing Division budget, upon availability of funds.

**CERTIFICATION**

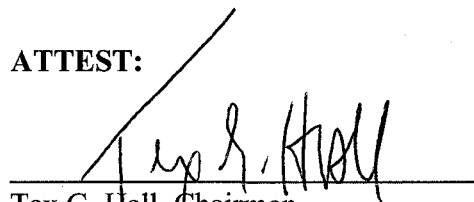
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 28 day of April, 2005, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman  Voting. [ ] Not Voting.

Dated this 28 day of April, 2005.

  
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Nathan Hale, Secretary  
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
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Tex G. Hall, Chairman  
Tribal Business Council