



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

A Resolution entitled, "Request to the Secretary of Interior for Technical Assistance on Development of Oil and Gas Resources on the Fort Berthold Reservation."

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 authorizes and empowers the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Tribal Business Council to engage in activity on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of the Three Affiliated Tribes (the "Tribe") comprises approximately 1,000,000 acres and had within it potentially significant oil and gas resources worth many hundreds of millions of dollars, as it lies within the generally accepted geologic formation known as the Williston Basin, a proven oil field since the early 1950's; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council desires to develop oil and gas on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes, exercising its rights as an Indian Nation, is actively seeking to develop its resources for the economic benefit of the Tribe and all of its members, in order to provide revenue to the Tribe and employment for tribal members; and

WHEREAS, The Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 provides that the Secretary can provide assistance to Indian tribes for the development of oil and gas resources on Indian reservations ; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council desires to have the Secretary provide the Tribe assistance necessary concerning the development of its oil and gas resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby requests that the Secretary provide the Tribe assistance as authorized by § 2106 of the Indian Minerals Development Act of 1982 for the development of its oil and gas resources on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

CERTIFICATION

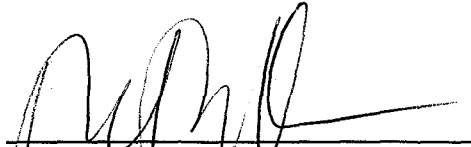
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the June 6, 2005; that the foregoing Resolution was duly

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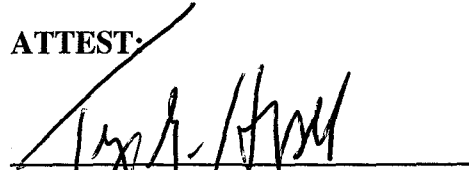
adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman Voting. Not voting.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2005.



Tribal Secretary, Nathan Hale
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:


Tribal Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes