

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

A Resolution Entitled: "Suspension of Twin Buttes School Board Members, Melissa Starr, Hank Starr and Darcy Lonebear and the Temporary Appointment of Colby Little Soldier, Doyle Bell and Darcy Medicine Stone to the Twin Buttes School."

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
1985 Y	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 provides the Tribal Business Council has the power to administer any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
WHEREAS,	The Tribe receives federal grant money for the Twin Buttes School and is the official grantee for Indian School Education Program funds and the appropriates these funds directly to the Twin Buttes School Board to administer for the benefit of the Twin Buttes School; and
WHEREAS,	Twin Buttes School was successful in securing a congressional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000,000 under the Tribal School Construction Demonstration Program for the construction of a new elementary school in Twin Buttes as set out Public Law 108-447, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004; and
WHEREAS,	Pursuant to Public Law 108-108, which established the Tribal School Construction Demonstration Program, the Tribe is required to commit a tribal match of 50 percent of the costs of construction of the new school; and
WHEREAS,	The Tribal Business Council has previously determined that it is in the best interest of the

Tribes and its members to commit to providing the tribal match of up to \$4,000,000 through appropriate financing secured by JTAC revenues; and

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- WHEREAS, Twin Buttes School Board members Melissa Starr, Hank Starr and Darcy Lonebear were recently indicted by the United States for defrauding the Twin Buttes School of federal grant monies; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Council desires maintain the confidence in the United States and the Office of Indian Education Programs with respect to the administration of ISEP funds and funds allocated under the Tribal School Demonstration Program by suspending these Board member and temporarily appointing new Board members until such time the three suspended individuals have concluded the criminal cases that have been filed against them.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby suspends Melissa Starr, Hank Starr and Darcy Lonebear from the Twin Buttes School Board until the final disposition of the criminal charges against them. If any of these individuals are acquitted of the charges prior to the expiration of their term, they may resume their seats on the School Board and the temporary appointment of the individual replacing them shall expire. If the individual is found guilty, they shall be automatically removed from the school board and the temporary appointment shall become permanent up to the expiration of the term for the individual they replaced. The suspended individual's right to the School Board seat shall expire with the expiration of his or her term should his or her case not be concluded at that time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby temporarily appoints Colby Little Soldier to Melissa Starr's seat, Darcy Medicine Stone to Darcy Lonebear's seat, and Doyle Bell to Hang Starr's seat.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby directs the newly constituted board members to meet and elect officers to serve the school board.

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. We were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the Affirmative vote of Amembers, 2006; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of Amembers, 2006; that the foregoing Resolution was duly abstained, Amembers not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [Woting. [] Not voting.

Dated this <u>9</u> they of <u>November</u>, 2006.

Executive Secretary, Judy Brugh Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:

Tribal Chairman, Marcus Wells, Jr Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes