

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

A Resolution Entitled: "Removal of Administrative Authority Over ISEP Funds From Twin Buttes School Board Members, Melissa Starr, Hank Starr and Darcy Lonebear and Action to Prohibit These Individuals from Attending Any School Board Meetings Held on the Twin Buttes School Premises."

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 5 (1) 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 passed Resolution No. 06-02-VJB which suspended these individuals from the Twin Buttes School Board; and
- WHEREAS, These individuals continue to insist that they have a right to be on the Twin Buttes School Board and that Resolution No. 06-02-VJB is ineffective as applied to them because the Twin Buttes School Board is a state sanctioned school board and they may only be removed, suspended or recalled in accordance with State law; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council desires to take action to further ensure that these individuals will not administer any ISEP funds or any tribal funds or to take any action on behalf of the Twin Buttes School Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby removes Melissa Starr, Hank Starr and Darcy Lonebear from administering any ISEP or Tribal funds as members of the Twin Buttes School Board. These individuals are also prohibited from entering or being on the Twin Buttes School premises to conduct any business whatsoever on behalf as members of the Twin Buttes School Board.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby recognizes Colleen Stone, Ivetta Spotted Bear, Colby Little Soldier, Darcy Medicine Stone and Doyle Bell as the members of the Twin Buttes School Board with the authority to administer ISEP and tribal funds on behalf of the Twin Buttes 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. were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the <u>Avern letting</u> 2006; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of members, members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [Woting. [] Not voting.

Dated this 14 day of Dovember, 2006.

Executive Secretary, Judy Brugh Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:

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