



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

***A Resolution entitled, "Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council Request that Chief Of Police Frank Felix Be Immediately Returned to the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation."***

**WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having duly 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 generally 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 (d) of the Constitution provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to negotiate with the federal government on behalf of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region Office of Law Enforcement Services currently administers and provides law enforcement services on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation for the benefit of the Tribes and its members; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Frank Felix, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, has been the Bureau of Indian Affairs Chief of Police for the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation for several years and has done an exemplary job providing law enforcement services in spite of the limited resources available to him and has provided excellent communication between his office and the Tribal Business Council and Administration; and

**WHEREAS,** District I of the BIA Office of Law Enforcement Services recently removed Chief of Police Frank Felix from his position on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and transferred him to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation without any advice or consultation with the Tribal Business Council or any tribal official as required by federal policy and placed lieutenant Jeff White in the position of acting Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS,** District I continues to fail to communicate with the Tribes on this important matter and has not provided any guidance or communication on how it intends to rectify this situation; and



**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Indian Reservation has experienced a high increase in criminal activity on the Reservation especially in the area of juvenile crime and illicit drug activity and the Tribal Business Council believes that the arbitrary removal of the Chief of Police only further compounds these problems and presents public safety issues for the Tribes and its members; and

**WHEREAS,** The removal of the Chief of Police from the Reservation further limits law enforcement resources on the Reservation by essentially eliminating an officer from law enforcement personnel; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council strongly objects to the manner in which District I handled this important issue and strongly objects to the transfer of the Chief of Police Frank Felix from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and believes Chief Felix should be immediately returned to the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in the capacity of Chief of Police.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council, pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribes hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Law Enforcement Services take all action necessary to immediately return Mr. Frank Felix to the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in the position of Chief of Police.

**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, 5 were present at a TBC Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tex G. Hall  
Tribal Business Council

Executive Secretary, Nathan Hale  
Tribal Business Council