



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

*A Resolution entitled, "Hidatsa Language Revitalization Project and Linguist Doctoral Student Endorsement"*

**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 under said Act; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 (l) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Business Council has authority according to the terms of the said Constitution to engage in governmental activities on behalf of an din the interest of the benefit of the tribes, thereof, and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Business Council has enacted the Three Affiliated Tribes Education Philosophy and Mission for the purpose of providing direction for tribal members, students, education staff and education entities to ensure appropriate education and to ensure the survival of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the survival of the MHA Nation rests upon the perpetuation and Revitalization of the languages and cultures of the three tribes, including the Hidatsa Language;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Education Department/Agency Education Office is the official contact and facilitator of the revitalization of the three tribal languages of the Nueta, Sahnish and Hidatsa as determined by the attached goals developed in a cooperative manner with education entities and speakers of the languages;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Education Department is directed to provide oversight responsibility of all tribal language activities to ensure proper authority, action and follow-up by the Tribal Business Council;

Fort Berthold Education Summit Action Plan  
2006

“Journey to Rebuild the Languages & Cultures of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation.”

**Policy Development**

Develop a tribal resolution to support and fund language & culture Revitalization efforts (to include budget-Failed 2003-04)

Tribal Language Mandate for Language Requirement (Schools only) Mandaree School has requirement mandated by School Board (No Progress)

**Activities/Events**

Increase speaking and signage, identify all language speakers (Progress)

Establish radio program with KMHA-story time, language lessons, music and songs, tribal interviews, etc... (No Progress)

Increase Immersion Methods/Activities-target schools (Progress-Mandaree School, Head Start Support, and FBCC Camps)

Hold Language Fair (Progress through Earth Lodge Learning Center Events sponsored by MHA Nation Education Department)

**Personnel**

Increase state certified language teachers (Progress)

**Community**

Community Board Support and promotion for using languages and establishment of task force/committee to focus on Revitalization of the language & Cultural efforts (No Progress)

Language Resource Office (Designated to FBCC Cultural Center by Fort Berthold Education Summit Group but no formal promotion, funding etc...)

Development of information Center –Tribal video tape library clanship stories, ceremonies, burial rites, etc... (No Progress)



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council endorses Mr. Indrek Park, Doctoral Student, Indiana University, American Indian Studies Research Institute to assist in the revitalization of the Hidatsa Language for which he is approved by the Indiana University for his Doctoral Dissertation and in concert with tribal goals through the Education Department Language Revitalization Goals;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, any materials, documents, data, curriculum or information for obtained for the Hidatsa Language Revitalization Project and Mr. Indrek Park's P.H.D. Dissertation be the property of the Three Affiliated Tribes and approval is provided for publication of documents required for Mr. Park's Dissertation and that the contents are the cultural property of the Three Tribes only and are not allowed for reproduction, release or usage for any other purpose.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Forth Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the March 9, 2006; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 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 9th day of March, 2006.

Tribal Secretary, Nathan Hale  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

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