



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

A Resolution entitled, "Fort Berthold Occupant Protection Committee Recognition"

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of 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, Motor vehicle related injuries and fatalities among Native Americans are up to two to three times as high as other Americans; and

WHEREAS, Seat Belt and Child Safety Seat use is extremely low on the Fort Berthold Reservation with 20% of drivers and only 18% of passengers using their seat belts, even though Seat belts are 45-60% effective in preventing death and injuries and Child Safety Seats are 71% effective for infants and 54% effective for toddlers; and

WHEREAS, Millions of dollars are spent annually by Indian Health Service for transportation and medical care for acutely injured Native Americans, Minni-Tohe Contract Health Service and Catastrophic Care Budgets are depleted very early in the year due mainly to the costs of injuries, and the annual societal cost of traumatic injury among Native Americans is greater than \$900 million, most of which are motor vehicle crash related injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Occupant Protection Committee is seeking to preserve the lives of the Three Affiliated Tribes tribal members by decreasing motor-vehicle related injury deaths and permanent disabilities due mainly to Motor Vehicle Crashes and;

WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Occupant Protection Committee acknowledges an insignificant amount of attention and intervention strategies have been dedicated to highway and traffic safety issues on the Fort Berthold Indian

Reservation when measured against the immensity of this problem and seek to remedy this situation by promoting seat belt and child safety seat usage and enforcement of the Three Affiliated Tribes Seat Belt and Child Restraint Laws; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Occupant Protection Committee consists of Fort Berthold community members; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Occupant Protection Committee seeks to be recognized and supported in their mission to prevent injuries and fatalities to the people of the Fort Berthold Communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Governing body of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby recognizes the Fort Berthold Occupant Protection Committee as the official entity to promote public awareness of Motor Vehicle related injuries.

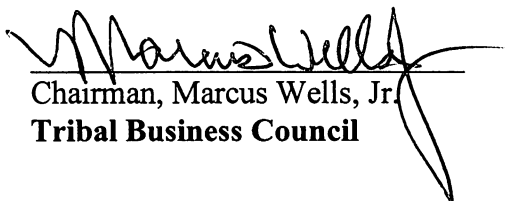
CERTIFICATION

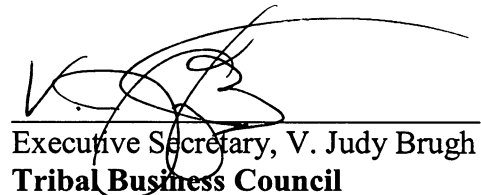
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 9 day of March, 2007, that the foregoing Resolution was duly 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 9 day of March, 2007.

ATTEST:


Chairman, Marcus Wells, Jr.
Tribal Business Council


Executive Secretary, V. Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council