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RESOLUTION NO. 07-134-VJB

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

A Resolution entitled, "Acknowledging Ruperta Mahto Larson as a Certified Hidatsa language and cultural instructor"

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 Government recognizes the importance of the preserving and perpetuating the languages for the survival of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Parshall Public School District shall include the instruction of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara languages and culture for the eighth grade;

WHEREAS, The Fifty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota has passed legislation on Senate Bill No. 2491, a bill to create and enact a new section to Chapter 15- 38 of the North Dakota Century Code:

Education standards and practices board – Certification of North American Indian language instructors. The education standards and practices board may certify and individual as an instructor of North Dakota American Indian Languages and culture if the individual is recommended for Certification to teach North Dakota native languages by the indigenous language boards created by the four North Dakota Tribal Governments of this stat's reservation and if the individual:

1. Displays competence in North Dakota Indian languages and culture and has successfully completed a three semester hour course in classroom instruction at a tribal college or other institution of higher education; or
2. Holds a baccalaureate degree and has knowledge of and experience in North Dakota American Indian Languages and culture.

WHEREAS, Ruperta Mahto Larson meets criteria #2 of the North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 15-38-18.1. She has a Bachelor's Degree in American Indian Studies from the University of Minnesota, Morris MN. She has successfully completed



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the three hour course in classroom instruction from the Ft. Berthold Community College. Although she is not a fluent speaker of the Mandan, Hidatsa or Arikara

↑ language, she does have a background in the Hidatsa language. She is currently teaching the Hidatsa language and culture at the Parshall High School. She is employed with the school district and holds an Interim Substitute Teaching License. License number, 0090040.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes goes on record to recognize Ruperta Mahto Larson as a certified Hidatsa language and cultural instructor.

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 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 12 day of July 2007, 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 12 day of July, 2007.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

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