



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

**A Resolution Entitled: *“Hidatsa Ida Nogaree’ Oo’ Guuree’sh - Hidatsa Language Keeper Project”***

**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 (l) 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,** The Three Affiliated Tribes continue to speak three separate and distinct Tribal Languages of Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Community College was founded in 1973 and is tribally chartered by the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation as the agency responsible for higher education on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Community College Mission Statement reads: Fort Berthold Community College will Provide Quality Cultural, Academic and Vocational Education and services for the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Community College Vision Statement reads: Vision: Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation - Fort Berthold Community College - A Dynamic Presence that Preserves our Past and prepares us for the Future; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Community College requires students to complete a course in one of three Tribal Languages: Mandan, Hidatsa, or Arikara; and



**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Community College intends to submit a grant applications to the Endangered Language Fund, *Native Voices Endowment: A Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Legacy* and the Three Affiliated Tribes are eligible because they experienced contact with the 1803-1806 Lewis & Clark Expedition; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Community College intends to request funding for the *"Hidatsa Ida Nogaree' Oo' Guuree'sh - Hidatsa Language Keeper Project"* to record the Hidatsa Language, one of the three distinct and separate languages of the Three Affiliated Tribes, for the purposes of preservation and education.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the Fort Berthold Community College to submit the grant application to the Endangered Language Fund, *Native Voices Endowment: A Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Legacy* for purposes of receiving said grant funds to be expended for the purposes outlined above.

#### 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, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007; 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007

Secretary, Judy Brugh  
Tribal Business Council

**ATTEST:**

Chairman, Marcus Wells, Jr.  
Tribal Business Council