



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

A Resolution Entitled: *Arikara Language Revitalization 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 researcher, Susan Paulson; staWisaaNAhkata' is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Susan Paulson is currently teaching the Arikara Language at the Fort Berthold Community College and is interested in preserving and revitalizing the Arikara Language for Arikara Members; and

WHEREAS, Susan Paulson recently participated on a panel at the "Arikara Language Summit" conducted in the White Shield Community which is a predominantly Arikara community, at which time she agreed to assist the White Shield Community, White Shield School, and the Arikara Community living in other districts especially Parshall and New Town; to do whatever possible to provide opportunities for the language to be learned; and

WHEREAS, Susan Paulson has the goal to develop the Arikara Language at the Fort Berthold Community College by developing an Arikara III and Arikara IV level of language classes in order to help develop fluency for future Arikara language teachers.



WHEREAS, Susan Paulson intends to submit a grant application 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, Susan Paulson intends to utilize the requested funding for the ***“Arikara Language Revitalization Project”*** to assist future language teachers to gain fluency and language teaching skills, for the purposes of teaching future generations the Arikara language and ultimately revitalizing the use of the language in homes and at community events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes Susan Paulson 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.

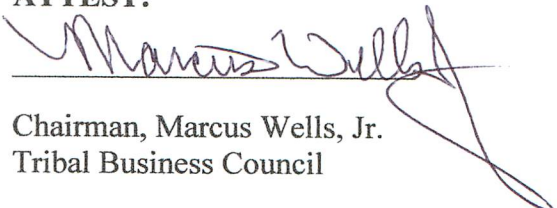
CERTIFICATION

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 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 11th day of October, 2007


Secretary, Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman, Marcus Wells, Jr.
Tribal Business Council

