



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

A Resolution Entitled: *“Three Affiliated Tribes - Declaration of Emergency dated January 14, 2009”*

- 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 (1) 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 has suffered immense hardship due to continual heavy snowfall and inclement weather have made roads on the reservation impassable for indeterminate periods of time, causing immediate threat to lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the welfare of tribal members, individuals living and working on the reservation and livestock are placed in jeopardy due to diminished resources to clear and maintain passable roads; and
- WHEREAS,** the heavy snowfall received this winter season on the Fort Berthold Reservation have diminished and in some cases denied tribal members access to medical services, food, water and other basic necessities to maintain their lives and livelihoods; and
- WHEREAS,** the financial and physical resources available to the Three Affiliated Tribes to address inclement weather have been strained and are near diminished by the harsh winter season currently faced by the Fort Berthold Reservation; and



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## DECLARATION

### THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

WHEREAS, the Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold Reservation has received excessive snowfall amounts and winds that have caused roads to be blocked and extreme hardship on livestock resulting in dangerous conditions;

WHEREAS, the impact of the snow and ice on the County and Tribal, BIA Roads, and on residents both city and rural, threatens the health, well-being, and public safety of the of the citizens within the exterior boundaries of the Ft. Berthold Reservation;

WHEREAS, the expense and time of opening the Tribal, BIA Roads is in excess of available Tribal Road equipment, resources and funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOULVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes declare a Snow Emergency exists within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation, including the communities of the Four Bears Segment, New Town, Parshall, White Shield, Twin Buttes, and Mandaree;

DATED; at the Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota this 16th day of January, 2009

Marcus Levings, Tribal Chairman

Three Affiliated Tribes



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes now issues a “Declaration of Emergency” on the Fort Berthold Reservation due to the extreme weather conditions being experienced; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Tribal Business Council requests any and all assistance from Tribal, State and Federal Agencies to do everything possible to address effects of the continual heavy snowfall and inclement weather currently on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, The Tribal Business Council directs all tribal staff and agencies to make any and all efforts to secure outside assistance to address the Tribal “Declaration of Emergency.”


**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 Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009; 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

**ATTEST:**

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

  
Tribal Chairman, Marcus Levings  
Tribal Business Council  
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