



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

A Resolution entitled, “Three Affiliated Tribes; Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Resolution Supporting Reservation Telephone Cooperative’s Application to Obtain Federal Broadband Stimulus Funding.”

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, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribe generally 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 III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, broadband service with dedicated high-speed capabilities to and from the customer is fundamental to the welfare and economic development of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, other cities, towns, and areas in the state and around the country are receiving access to such high-speed broadband service, which places the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation at a disadvantage of its residents, businesses, and community and governmental institutions do not have access to such service; and

WHEREAS, current providers of broadband service in the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation are not offering and do not plan to offer in the near future broadband services with sufficient dedicated high-speeds downstream and upstream; and

WHEREAS, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the federal government has instituted a stimulus program whereby grants will be available for the provision of high-speed broadband service; and

WHEREAS, Reservation Telephone Cooperative, has decided to apply for such a grant to bring high-speed broadband service to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation as expeditiously as possible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Three Affiliated Tribes; Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara hereby support the application of Reservation Telephone Cooperative to seek a grant to build a high-speed, fiber-to-the-premises broadband network in the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.




CERTIFICATION

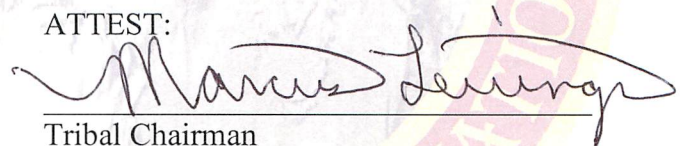
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 10th day of July, 2009, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 opposed, 0 member abstained, 0 member not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman Voting. Not Voting.

Dated this **10th, day of July, 2009.**



Tribal Secretary
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:


Tribal Chairman
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes