



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

A Resolution Entitled, “To authorize and request that the Bureau of Indian Affairs return certain property to James G. Johnson, an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes”

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 Tribal Business Council has the power pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 (d) of the Three Affiliated Tribes Constitution and By-laws to negotiate with the federal government on behalf of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides the Tribal Business Council has the authority to protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Tribes; to regulate hunting and fishing on all lands within the jurisdiction of the Tribes; and to cultivate and preserve native arts, crafts, culture, ceremonies, and traditions; and



WHEREAS, Tribal Member James G. Johnson was the lawful owner of the 540 acres of property held in trust by the United States on behalf of Mr. Johnson described as follows:

, N2SW4NW4, SE4NW4 Section 4, Township 149N, Range 90 West, Fifth Principal Meridian (60 acres, McLean County); S2NE4, SE4, Section 5, N2NE4 Section 8, Township 147N, Range 93 West, Fifth Principal Meridian Dunn County), and the

E2W2 Section 19, Township 149N, Range 93 West, Fifth Principal Meridian (160 acres, Dunn County)” containing 540 acres more or less; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson mortgaged said trust property to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a Farm Services loan; and

WHEREAS, thru discriminatory acts and practices by USDA officials, James G. Johnson was compelled to assign the 540 acre of trust property to USDA and;

WHEREAS, the said 540 acres of trust property was subsequently transferred by Quit Claim deed to the Department of Interior where it remains today under the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the 540 acres of trust land is awaiting disposition as determined by the Tribal Business Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and requests that the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs convey, and transfer in trust the above described 540 acres of trust property from the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs to James G. Johnson.




CERTIFICATION

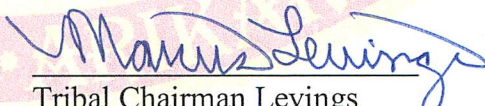
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 13th day of August 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 13th day of August 2009.

ATTEST:


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


Tribal Chairman Levings
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes