



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

*A Resolution entitled, "Designation of Qualified Expert Witnesses in ICWA cases."*

**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 under said Act; and

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 (j) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to cultivate and preserve the culture and traditions of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 (l) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials of the Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** In cases in which the Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA"), 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq., applies, qualified expert witnesses are needed to provide courts with knowledge of the social and cultural aspects of Indian life to diminish risk of any cultural bias; and

**WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes Children and Family Services ICWA Department has presented the following individuals as persons knowledgeable of the customs and traditions of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Tribes, and in particular the childrearing practices of the Tribes, and capable of rendering expert opinion as provided in the ICWA: Danile Henry (Arikara), Lee Casey Fox (Hidatsa), Sharon Hand (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara), Delphine Baker (Hidatsa), John Charging (Hidatsa, Arikara), Nicole Henry (Mandan, Hidatsa), and Katherine Felix (Arikara); and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council has considered the qualifications of the above-named individuals;



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby recognizes Danile Henry (Arikara), Lee Casey Fox (Hidatsa), Sharon Hand (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara), Delphine Baker (Hidatsa), John Charging (Hidatsa, Arikara), Nicole Henry (Mandan, Hidatsa) and Katherine Felix (Arikara) as knowledgeable of the customs and traditions of the Tribes, and in particular the childrearing practices of the Tribes as indicated in parentheses, and authorizes them to render opinion as qualified expert witnesses in Indian Child Welfare Act cases involving the children of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

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; 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 8th day of Sept 2009; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 [x] Voting. [ ] Not voting.

Dated this 8th day of Sept, 2009.

ATTEST:

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

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Tribal Chairman, Marcus Levings
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes