



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

A Resolution entitled, “Resolution in Support of the 40th Anniversary of the Kennedy Report on Indian Education entitled “Indian Education, a National Tragedy, and National Challenge”

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, the Three Affiliated Tribes (“Tribe”) has deemed the spiritual, mental, physical and intellectual wellness of Native children and youth a high priority, and the Tribe acknowledges the vital role of Indian education in the advancement of tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has made a commitment to youth and children issues by supporting legislation and tribal efforts that protect and advance the needs of Native children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe does hereby recognize the landmark Congressional investigation on Indian education conducted by the Special Senate Sub Committee on Indian Education that was launched in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Senator Robert Kennedy chaired this committee and implored his Senatorial colleagues to venture into Indian country, in an unprecedented effort the committee conducted over a dozen field hearings and numerous site visits throughout Indian country; and

WHEREAS, Following the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy, Senator Edward Kennedy completed the work of the committee and released its findings and recommendations to Congress on November 3rd 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Report on Indian Education titled “*Indian Education, a National Tragedy, and National Challenge*” (the “Kennedy Report”) highlighted the conditions of Native children and youth and their educational environment; and



WHEREAS, the Kennedy Report offered a stinging critique of both federal and state policy regarding Indian education, and called for sweeping reforms in Indian education; and

WHEREAS, the numerous recommendations from the Kennedy Report were summarily adopted and enacted into law culminating with the passage of the Indian Education Act of 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy Report launched the modern movement for tribal control of Indian Education, the report also inspired the founding of the National Indian Education Association, and

WHEREAS, November 3rd 2009 marks the 40th anniversary of the Kennedy Report on Indian Education and the anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate the growth and improvements in Indian education, it also allows for reflection and a reinvigorated effort to complete the business of the Special Sub Committee on Indian Education and once again raise the awareness of Indian education needs and the overall needs of Native children and youth; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes does hereby acknowledge and celebrate the crucial work surrounding the Kennedy Report and supports further Congressional efforts to improve the lives and learning conditions of Native children and youth; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes does support an anniversary celebration of the Kennedy Report on November 3rd 2009 in Washington DC for the purpose of engaging Congress and Tribal leadership on the crucial matter of Indian Education; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes does hereby encourage both members of Indian Country and Congressional members to attend the anniversary celebration on November 3rd 2009 in our nations' capitol and that Three Affiliated Tribes recommend to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs that the committee sponsor a listening session on November 3rd with tribal leaders concerning Indian Education and the needs for Native children and youth.




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 Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 28th day of September, 2009, 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.

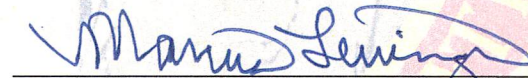
Chairman [] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2009.

ATTEST:



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



Tribal Chairman, Marcus D. Levings
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes