



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

A Resolution Entitled; "Sahnish (Arikara) Language Resources Development Project".

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 Tribal Business Council has the power to protect and preserve the Languages, Cultures and Traditions of the Mandan, Hidatsa and the Arikara Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Arikara language of the Fort Berthold Reservation is one of the endangered native languages in North America; and

WHEREAS, it become imperative that all grant application that can contribute to the revitalize this language be pursued; and

WHEREAS, the 'Native Voices Endowment' offers funding for endangered language in the amount of \$10,000 so long as required dollar for dollar matching is secured; and

WHEREAS, matching funds for the '*Sahnish (Arikara) Language Resources Development Project*' application has been secured from an individual donor; and

WHEREAS, one thousand (1,000) copies of three advanced Arikara language text books await printing pending the securing of this Grant.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation through its Tribal Business Council does hereby support this resolution and the application for the '*Sahnish (Arikara) Language Resources Development Project*' to the 'Native Voices Endowment' for endangered languages; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation understands that if this application is successful, copies of these books will be made available to the Tribe's Cultural Center and Fort Berthold Community College.



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October 11, 2012

Native Voices Endowment
The Endangered Language Fund
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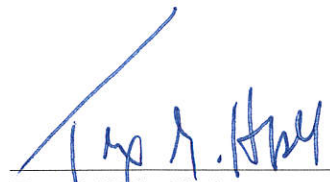
Endangered Language Fund:

Pursuant to the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council Resolution (attached), the Tribe strongly supports the effort of this application '*The Sahnish (Arikara) Language Resources Development Project*' to print Arikara language text books for the White Shield School and community. Our Native Arikara Language is the basis of our culture, historical journey, spirituality, ceremonies and self identity. Once printed, these text books will serve the language program of the White Shield School and their families. The texts will also be made available to the White Shield Cultural center, the Three Affiliated Tribal Cultural center, the Fort Berthold Community College and the North Dakota Heritage center in Bismarck, North Dakota.

The matching funding requirement for this application is being met by a donation by a 94 year old full-blood Arikara elder. By addressing the matching requirement of this application, she is demonstrating to the Arikara youth the importance of learning their language; an opportunity that she was denied when she attended government schools.

Therefore, the Tribal Business Council fully supports this project for the preservation of our native Arikara Language. If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Fred Fox – White Shield Segment Representative at 701-627-4781 or by email at ffox@mhanation.com.

Sincerely,



Tex G. Hall, Chairman
Three Affiliated Tribes



Fred Fox, White Shield Segment Representative
Three Affiliated Tribes




CERTIFICATION

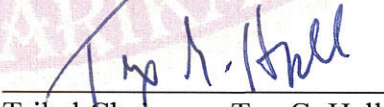
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 11th day of October, 2012; 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 11th day of October, 2012.

ATTEST:


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


Tribal Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes