RESOLUTION NO. 13-099-VJB



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

A Resolution entitled, "Increase in Criminal Penalties for Drug Related Crimes"

- **WHEREAS**, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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 VI, Section 3(b) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to establish a Tribal Court system; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to promulgate ordinances and to adopt rules and regulations governing various matters to be administered by the Tribal Court system; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to adopt resolutions and ordinances regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and of other Tribal instrumentalities; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to establish a Tribal Judiciary to ensure the public safety, health and welfare of the residents of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes and its members are currently experiencing unprecedented violent criminal activity as a result of the exploration of the Bakken oil and gas reserves resulting in an unparalleled crime wave of drug related activities that pose a threat to our public safety and to the health and welfare of tribal members; and



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- WHEREAS, It is vitally important for the peace and dignity of our Tribal Nation and to the public safety and health of its members to increase the penalties for criminal drug related activities; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes that in order to fight the *War on Drugs*, it is vitally important that the criminal penalties for drug related violations be increased, in order to diminish illegal drug related activities on the Fort Berthold Reservation and, also, to ensure that tribal members obtain addiction counseling while incarcerated.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council, pursuant to its express Constitutional power and authority approves the attached amendment to the Drug Code for the increase of criminal penalties for drug related crimes, which shall be incorporated into Title III A, of the Comprehensive Anti-Drug Code, as 3A-2-1(A).



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 11 day of July 2013, 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 [X] Voting. [] Not voting.

Dated this 11 day of July, 2013.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary V. Judy Brugh

Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Chairman, Tex G. Hall

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