

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

A Resolution entitled, "Request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a new Secretarial Election on Three Affiliated Tribes Constitutional Amendments – July 30, 2013 Election"

- 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted a Secretarial Election on July 30, 2013 pursuant to a request from the Tribe to amend Articles III (increasing number of segment representatives from 1 to 2 per segment) and V (recall and removal); and
- WHEREAS, The certified results of the July 30, 2013 election indicated the following:
 - 1,249 eligible tribal members registered to vote
 - 508 actually voted in the Election.
- WHEREAS, The total enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes of voting age (eighteen years and older) is 9,270 (as of June 14, 2013); and
- **WHEREAS**, The total registered voters in the Secretarial Election represents only 13.5% of all eighteen and over enrolled members of the Tribe; and
- **WHEREAS**, The total of actual voters in the Secretarial Election represents only 5.5% of all eighteen years and over enrolled members of the Tribe; and
- **WHEREAS**, The Tribal Business Council finds this to be a disproportionate number of the eligible voters of the Three Affiliated Tribes to adequately and fairly indicate the wishes for the enrolled membership.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to decertify the July 30, 2013 Election Results due to a disproportionate number of eighteen years and older enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes participating; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council requests a new Secretarial Election be held on the two Amendments to the Tribal Constitution in conjunction but separately with the 2014 Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Elections.

Resolution No. 13-122-VJB



CERTIFICATION

Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 13th day of <u>August</u>, 2013.

ATTEST:

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

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