



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

**A Resolution Entitled: “Designation of Qualified Expert Witnesses on 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 and By Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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 and By Laws, the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal Agencies and Tribal Officials of the Fort Berthold 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 person knowledgeable of the customs and Traditions of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes, and in particular the childbearing Practices of the Three Affiliated Tribes, and capable of rendering expert opinions as provided in The ICWA: Danile J.W. Henry (Arikara), Renee Mayer (Hidatsa & Arikara), Sharon Hand (Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara), Delphine Baker (Hidatsa), John Charging (Hidatsa & Arikara) Nicole Henry-Poitra (Mandan & Hidatsa) Kathy Felix (Arikara); and

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Business Council has considered the qualifications of the above Individuals; and

**NOW THERE FOR IT BE RESOLVED;** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby recognizes; Danile J.W. Henry (Arikara), Renee Mayer (Hidatsa & Arikara), Sharon Hand (Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara), Delphine Baker (Hidatsa), John Charging (Hidatsa & Arikara) Nicole Henry-Poitra (Mandan & Hidatsa), Kathy 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 childrearing of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation.




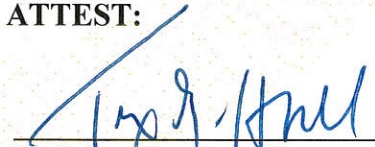
**CERTIFICATION**

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, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, 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  Voting.  Not Voting.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

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

**ATTEST:**  
  
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Chairman Tex G. Hall  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes