



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

*A Resolution entitled, "Three Affiliated Tribes Declaration of a "State of Emergency" in the loss and decline of the three sacred languages and cultures of the three tribes and recognition of the Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish Language Board as an interim Language Board for the revitalization of the tribal languages and cultures.*

**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 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 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 recognizes the loss and decline of the sacred languages and culture of Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara to the status of "Critical Endangerment" with less than 110 fluent speakers of 10,000 tribal members; and

**WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes has no current laws or codes recognizing the Nueta, Hidatsa and Sahnish languages as the official and national languages, thereby, unintentionally allowing the continuing and devastating decline of the languages and cultures of the nation and;

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council has acknowledged that the continuing erosion of the languages and cultures of the three tribes has significantly diminished and weakened tribal values, pride, and positive tribal identities, thereby endangering the sovereignty and survival of the nation for future generations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby declares a "State of Emergency" in the loss of the languages and cultures of the three tribes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council will assert and establish tribal plans, direction and resources in the protection, promotion and revitalization of the languages, cultures, values and philosophies of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** the newly organized Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish Language Board comprised of elders, educators, activists, students, and tribal citizens are formally recognized as an advisory board to assist the tribal business council and other entities (on and off reservation) in planning, reviewing and identifying action tasks to



promote the revitalization of the tribal languages and cultures until a formal entity such as a tribal Language Commission is developed and established for this purpose.



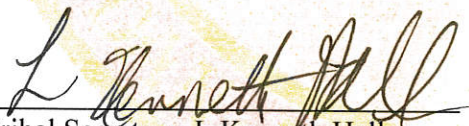



**CERTIFICATION**

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, 7 were present at a April 16, 2015 Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 16th day of April, 2015, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of - 7 members,     members opposed,     members abstained,     members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman  Voting.  Not Voting.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2015.

  
Tribal Secretary. L. Kenneth Hall  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:  
  
Tribal Chairman, Mark Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes