



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

***A Resolution Entitled: "Approving the Cooperative Agreement Application for Land Buy-Back Program for Indian Nations"***

- 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 court approve settlement in the Cobell v. Salazar case provided for the creation of a \$1.9 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund and charged the Department of the Interior with using those Monies to consolidate fractionated interest in trust lands; and
- WHEREAS,** To achieve this objective the Secretary of the Interior created the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program); andpa\
- WHEREAS,** The Buy-Back Program has been directed, by the Secretary of the Interior, to focus its initial attention to on acquiring fractionated interests on the forty (40) reservations that have been the largest number of fractionated parcels, one of which is the Fort Berthold Indian reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** To implement this approach the Buy-Back Program has established initial purchase a things for each of those forty (40) reservations. This is done using a formula which took into consideration three factors: the total number of purchasable fractional interest within the reservation, the number of fractionated tracks within the reservation, and the number of acres related to those fractional interests; and
- WHEREAS,** Applying the formula, the Buy-Back Program is determined that the initial purchase seething Fort Berthold Reservation will be \$56,602,000; and
- WHEREAS,** To expedite the purchase efforts, the Buy-Back Program has offered the Federally Recognized Tribes on each of those forty (40) reservations the opportunity to participate in the Program's land consolidation efforts by among other things, consulting with the Program on the approach the Program will use to implement its work on their respective reservations and by assisting the Program and its outreach to tribal members; and



**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has previously establish primary points of contact namely the Tribal Legal Department and George Abe pursuant to Resolution 16-269-FWF dated November 9<sup>th</sup> 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has established tribal priorities for land consolidation and a proposed plan to establish an outreach office to assist landowners in their review for pending land purchase offers as described in the attached Cooperative Agreement Application.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated hereby approves the attached Cooperative Agreement Application for The Three Affiliated Tribes enabling their participation in Program's land consolidation efforts and agrees to adhere to the objectives, timelines and budgetary limits contained therein; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated hereby approves the Implementation of the Land Buy Back Program; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated hereby requests a list of landowners names and addresses in accordance with 25 USC 2219(e); and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated requests the Land Buy Back program include tracts with improvements such as home-site leases and will ensure residents and landowners with home-sites will continue their home-sites leases and ones with no leases will be given an opportunity to lease a home-site lease.

### 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 Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of \_March, 2017

Tribal Secretary Fred W. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:

Tribal Chairman Mark Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes