



**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 to select Alternative A of the Mitigated Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Development of Oil and Gas on the Fort Berthold Reservation”

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 Bylaws pursuant to the 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, Article VI, Section 5 (d) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to negotiate with Federal government on behalf of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 (j) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe hereby declares its intent to continue pursuit of responsible oil and gas or other mineral resource development for the purpose of economic development for the Tribe and members on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribe hereby selects Alternative A - Proposed Action: permitting of up to 1,740 wells for the exploration and production of oil and associated natural gas over the next five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribe hereby supports and recommends the decision by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to issue a Mitigated Finding of No Significant



Impact for the analysis conducted in the Mitigated Programmatic Environmental Assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, for the proposed federal action of Oil and Gas Development on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribe recognizes that nothing in this Resolution displaces or removes the Bureau of Indian Affairs trust responsibilities, but requests that, absent noncompliance with all appropriate Federal law, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs continue to assist the Tribe and any person designated by the Tribe on timely advancement of the issuing of the Finding of No Significant Impact for the “Mitigated Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Oil and Gas Production on the Fort Berthold Reservation”; and the Bureau has a Trust obligation as the lead agency for environmental review concerning federal actions on Indian lands; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution diminishes, diverts, alters, or otherwise affects any inherent, treaty statutory, or other rights of the Three Affiliated Tribes over the property or activities described herein. The Three Affiliated Tribes expressly retains all rights and authority over property and activities described herein, including but not limited to legislative, regulatory, adjudicatory, and taxing powers.

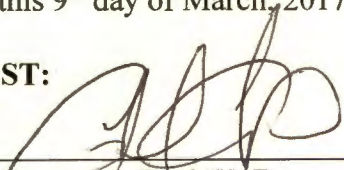
CERTIFICATION

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 9th day of March, 2017, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

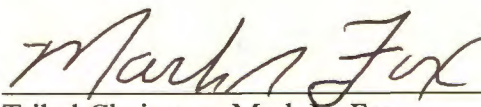
Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:



Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council



Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council