

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BENTON RESERVATION

WHEREAS, This Corporation is an Indian Chartered Corporation as defined by the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and authority is granted under this Act, and

WHEREAS, Mervel Hall, an enrolled member of the Tribe, owns unrestricted land adjoining Tribal owned land on Bear Den Creek in the Western Segment of the Reservation described as former Allotment No. 601-A, S4NW1/4 Section 16, T. 150 N., R. 94 W., of the Fifth Principal Meridian, McKenzie County, North Dakota, containing 80 acres, and

WHEREAS, Mervel Hall desires to sell the land and has had offers to purchase from non-Indian stockmen for amounts up to \$18,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the land is located in the Western Segment of the reservation in a pre-dominately livestock production area and is considered of importance for Indian use because of its location on Bear Den Creek which furnishes stock water all year around and is ideally located as a site for a winter feed area for livestock and is also a possible recreational site in connection with the Garrison Reservoir, and

WHEREAS, Mervel Hall is indebted to the Three Affiliated Tribes in the amount of \$5,186.22 which is practically uncollectable at the present time, and

WHEREAS, Mervel Hall has offered to sell the land and improvements located thereon to the Tribe for \$15,000.00 and pay the indebtedness from the proceeds of the sale, and

WHEREAS, after acquisition by the Three Affiliated Tribes, the tract, along with the adjoining 240 acres of Tribal owned land, could be leased out as a ranch headquarters site and winter feed camp, the fair annual rental to be determined by an appraiser of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, thereby giving the Three Affiliated Tribes a good annual return for its investment, and

WHEREAS, it is for the best interest of the Tribe to purchase the key tract and the improvements located thereon for Indian use and to collect a delinquent Tribal debt,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the land described above be acquired by the United States of America in trust for The Three Affiliated Tribes for the sum of \$15,000.00 to be paid from Tribal funds, excepting and reserving from the conveyance all oil, gas and other minerals, it being understood and agreed that the sum of \$15,000.00 is to be paid for the surface of the land and the improvements located thereon, exclusive of mineral rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total indebtedness of Mervel Hall to the Three Affiliated Tribes be withheld from the purchase price and applied on his Tribal indebtedness in accordance with his offer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Three Affiliated Tribes is familiar with the characteristics of the land and the improvements located thereon and specifically requests that the purchase be made without the formality of the current appraisal of the property because of the fact the owner was offered as much as \$18,000.00 for the property by a non-Indian stockman, which is in excess of the sale price of \$15,000.00 offered to the Tribe; that the governing body of The Three Affiliated Tribes considered this tract a key tract and that its acquisition in accordance with the foregoing is highly important to the welfare of the members of the Tribe residing in the Western Segment of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 10 members of whom 7 constituting a quorum were present at a Special meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 23rd day of August, 1960; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 passed, 0 abstentions, and that the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. Chairman voting.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 1960, at New Town, North Dakota.

Valentine Wells
Acting Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

James Hall
Chairman, Tribal Business Council