

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

New Town, North Dakota 58763

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Resolution # 70-50

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

IN
NORTH DAKOTA

- WHEREAS, This Corporation is an Indian Chartered Corporation as defined by the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and authority being granted under this Act; and
- WHEREAS, The National Park Service conducted extensive Field Studies in the Fall of 1967 concerning the feasibility of incorporating the KNIFE RIVER HIDATSA VILLAGES at Stanton, North Dakota, into the framework of the National Park System; and
- WHEREAS, Since then much research has been completed on this study by both the National Park Regional Headquarters Staff at Omaha as well as the NPS Western Service Center at San Francisco; and
- WHEREAS, The Study has been subject to repeated reviews at all levels, the sum total of which indicates a unanimity of opinion that these SITES are valuable to the history of our State and Nation, and that consequently, a Master Plan has been prepared which is presently under review by the National Park Service; and
- WHEREAS, These VILLAGES are of great importance to the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, not only so as to preserve the evidences of our Ancient Patterns of Life and Horticultural Pursuits for the general knowledge of all Mankind, but also, that OUR children and THEIR children after them, may take increased pride in their Noble Heritage, and above all, because here also are the Sacred Burial Grounds of our revered forefathers; and

WHEREAS, Many Famous Explorers visited with our People when they lived there; these SITES will prove to be effective magnets, drawing vast numbers of the Historically-Minded Touring Public into our Reservation Area, thus inducing them to patronize our Recreational Facilities which are presently being constructed for the purpose of raising the economic level of our People; and, finally,

WHEREAS, These ancient HIDATSA VILLAGE SITES, unprotected as they presently are, are in an increasing daily danger from both vandalism and erosion of all types.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota, hereby request, and earnestly beseech, the Honorable William L. Guy, Governor of the State of North Dakota, to lend the Dignity and Prestige of his Office in support of this Project, so as to give tangible evidence of the interest which our State is taking in this Project, and in this manner hopefully expedite action to bring these important Historic Sites under the protection of the National Park Service with as little delay as possible.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Milton R. Young, United States Senator; the Honorable Quentin N. Burdick, United States Senator; the Honorable Mark Andrews, United States Congressman, and the Honorable Thomas Kleppe, United States Congressman, with the request that they bring all of their powers and prestige to bear, in effecting the implementation of this Plan to bring these sites under the aegis of the National Park System as soon as possible.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, 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 duly called, noticed, convened, and held on April 6, 1970; did then and there adopt this Resolution by the affirmative vote of 6 members, no members opposed, no members passing, no members abstaining, the Chairman not voting.

Dated April 6, 1970.

Robert H. Bell
Secretary, Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:

Vincent M. ...
Chairman or Vice Chairman
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

