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

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the Welfare and benefit of the tribes and tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, Peter Fredericks, an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, has blocked access to the homesite of Celina Young Bear Mossett, also an enrolled member, and to others who have investments in the Charging Eagle Bay area; and
- WHEREAS, there is no other route or access to the Charging Eagle Bay areas for the Mossett family's homesite; and
- WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the United States Government to insure accessibility for all Indians to their homes on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Celina Mossett family was involuntarily removed from their home at the river bed with the flooding of the Garrison Dam; and
- WHEREAS, the federal government has turned its back upon the Mossett family and the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council has repeatedly requested the Bureau of Indian Affairs to condemn or gain access to the Charging Eagle Bay area (e.g., Resolution #79-219, dated May 17, 1979) but has been met with opposition rather than assistance; and
- WHEREAS, there presently is pending in United States District Court a request from Peter Fredericks to enjoin the Three Affiliated Tribes from doing whatever they are able to do to secure access for this family and others; and
- WHEREAS, all negotiations within the limits of reason have proven to be fruitless in that Peter Fredericks will not reasonably negotiate access rights; and
- WHEREAS, there exists the serious possibility of violence of a very serious nature until an access road is condemned; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place as the priority road construction project an all purpose and all year access road to Charging Eagle Bay and such access pursuant to the February 15, 1980, Solicitor's opinion authorizing said action.

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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 11 members of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, were present at a Special Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the day of March, 1980; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (act voting).

Dated this /8 day of March, 1980.

SECRETARY, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN, Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes