

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, the Tribal Business Council has reviewed the proposed grazing rates established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for allotted lands within range units; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council is very concerned about the proposed \$80.00 per animal unit rate in that the proposed rate will bankrupt and cause foreclosure for over one-half the enrolled members currently financed by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA); and
- WHEREAS, the increased rate implemented from \$42.00 per animal unit to \$57.00 per animal unit for the final year of the 1976-1980 grazing permit period has not been finalized by the Administrative Law Judge Keith L. Burrows, Department of Interior, Billings, Montana, to determine if the appraisal by Mr. Darrell Rasmuson, is valid; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council is in favor of fair and equitable rate whereby the landowner would receive a fair rental and also the Indian rancher would pay a fair rental to allow that they would be able to make a living for themselves and their families; and
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Tribal Business Council strongly recommend the following measures be implemented to prevent the above mentioned concerns:
- 1) that the Grazing Rental rate of \$57.00 per animal unit be used until the final administrative determination is rendered by the Administrative Law Judge;
 - 2) after the final determination by the Administrative Law Judge all Indian allottees shall be informed of said decisions and given ninety (90) days to pay the difference in any increase or if it is determined that the rate should remain at \$42.00 or \$57.00 per animal unit;

- 3). that the Aberdeen Area Director reassess the current proposed rate of \$80.00 per animal unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council has based its recommendations upon the fact that the Fort Berthold Reservation is reserved for the livelihood of members of the Three Affiliated Tribes and it should remain so.

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

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, 11 were present at a Special Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 25th day of September; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 11 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 Voting/Not Voting.

DATED THIS 25 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1980.

SECRETARY: Ellie Walker
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN: Austin H. Dillotte
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL