

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 authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorized and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, By Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws, the Tribal Business Council has authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with tribal lands interest in lands, or other tribal assets; and
- WHEREAS, The State of North Dakota through its Attorney General, Robert O. Wefald, has proposed that the tribe and the State Water Commission enter into preliminary negotiations regarding the tribe's claims to water on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe considers that the protection of its Water Rights, including Winters Rights, is of utmost importance; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe considers that negotiations with the State of North Dakota should proceed; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe lacks the necessary informational base upon which the tribe can negotiate effectively with the State; and
- WHEREAS, Funds are available from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, for a tribal water development plan that will identify all tribal water needs and protect the tribal water rights, including the tribes Winters Rights.

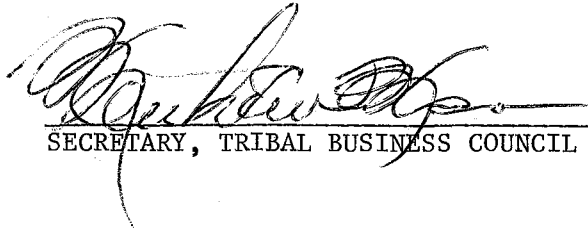
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation hereby directs that the attached proposal requesting \$500,000.00 in funds from the Rights Protection Division, Area Aberdeen Office, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the development of a tribal water use plan be forthwith submitted to that office.

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 constitute a quorum, were present at a Special meeting; thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 29th day of November, 1982; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 11 members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting, and that the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (Voting) (~~Not Voting~~)

DATED THIS 29 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1982.



SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:



CHAIRMAN, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL