

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 By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorize and empower the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, By Resolution 82-12-5 just approved, the Tribal Business Council approved a bill to restore minerals in trust to the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Said Resolution 82-12-5 calls for restoration of all minerals owned by the United States within the Fort Berthold Reservation part of the Garrison Dam Take Area even where the owner in 1950 was a non-Indian; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribes firmly believe that this is fair and proper because Congress in 1910 intended to reserve all coal to the Tribes (and by implication all other minerals), and so the non-Indians on the Fort Berthold Reservation do not have the ordinary equity in the minerals below their lands that homesteaders elsewhere do; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribes are advised that there may not be enough support in Congress to achieve restoration to the Tribes of minerals formerly belonging to non-Indians,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribes request their Senators and Congressman to support restoration to the Tribes of all minerals owned by the United States within the Fort Berthold Reservation part of the Garrison Dam Take Area, but if this is not achievable, the Tribes would accept restoration only of those minerals that were Indian-owned at the time of the Taking in 1950.

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, 10 were present at a meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 9 day of ~~DECEMBER~~ 1982; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by

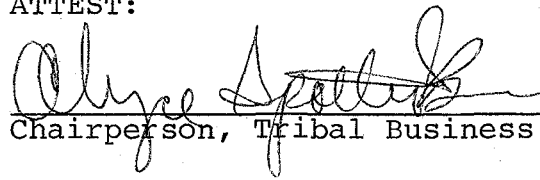
The affirmative vote of 10 members, — members opposed, —
members abstaining, — members not voting and that said resolution
has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (Voting) (Not Voting)

DATED THIS 9 DAY OF DECEMBER 1982.

ATTEST:


Secretary, Tribal Business Council


Chairperson, Tribal Business Council