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 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 severe drought of 1979-80 extended late into the 1981 spring growing season coupled with the most severe Winter since 1949, has stricken the Fort Berthold Reservation and has had serious and adverse effects on ranching and farming enterprises on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation is hereby declared a disaster area due to severe Winter conditions and the continuing drought of 1979-80; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes' Business Council request assistance from the Indian Acute Distress Donation Program; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Indian Acute Distresss Donation Program be combined with the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service (ASCS) Emergency Feed Program in order to allow Participation in both programs; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council shall contract with the respective agencies for assistance; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Acute Distress Feed Program be activated on the Fort Berthold Reservation for the duration of the current drought/winter disaster period; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate better controls and benefits of processing for range feeding for the Indian operators receiving donated commodities that we make issuances in thirty (30) day supply quantity; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide funding to enable the Three Affiliated Tribes to carry out the assessment, number of livestock, distribution of grain and reconciliation required under the terms of Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council be required under the contract to furnish a local person knowledgeable of his area to carry-out the contract responsibilities of the Tribe for each Segment.

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Dated this 26 day of March, 1982.

Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tribal Business Council