

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

Res. No. 82-58

- WHEREAS:** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and authority under said Act, and
- WHEREAS:** The Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe, and Tribal members, and,
- WHEREAS,** Due to the lack of policies by the United States Geological Survey and Bureau of Indian Affairs the spacing of oil wells is currently being processed through the State of North Dakota Industrial Commission, and
- WHEREAS,** The North Dakota Industrial Commission is currently attempting to space oil wells on fee patent (non-trust) property located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation to the detriment and interests of Indian mineral owners.
- THEREFORE:** BE IT RESOLVED, That the State of North Dakota is spacing their oil wells by section lines and not geological structure, the Three Affiliated Tribes requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and United States Geological Survey hereby establish spacing regulations for oil wells on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation by geological structure and other pertinent data rather than by property boundaries.
- THEREFORE:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States Geological Survey and Bureau of Indian Affairs investigate possible exclusion of oil royalties to Indian lands from oil wells adjacent to the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation due to the adverse spacing by the North Dakota Industrial Commission.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ constituting a quorum were present at a Regular meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 13th day of May, 19 82, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the Affirmative vote of 10 members, 0 members opposed, 1 abstentions, 0 passed, and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman: (Voting) (Not-Voting).

Dated this 13 day of May, 19 82.

ATTEST:

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