

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, Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides, in part, that the Tribal Business Council, or the Election Board appointed thereby, shall make rules and regulations governing all elections; and

WHEREAS, Part IV, Section 2(e) of the Election Ordinance of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides, in part, that the Tribal Election Board shall cause all ballots to be printed on "good quality white paper;" and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Election Board has recently submitted a formal request to the Tribal Business Council that said Council take whatever action is necessary to authorize said Tribal Election Board to cause all 1982 Election ballots to be printed on good quality colored paper, in lieu of good quality white paper, for the following reasons:

1. That the white paper upon which the former 1982 Election ballots were printed, although having been of good quality, proved to be fairly transparent, thus having potentially enabled any person present at the respective segment polling places to have viewed the manner in which voters had marked their respective ballots, notwithstanding the fact that each ballot had been folded so that the face or printed and marked side thereof was presumably concealed prior to having been deposited in the ballot box; that the proposed printing of all 1982 Election ballots upon good quality opaque colored paper would prohibit such potential impropriety from occurring during the casting of ballots at the respective segment polling places in the extended 1982 Election proceedings.

2. That, in view of the fact that the former 1982 Election absentee ballots were printed on good quality white paper and that certain non-resident eligible voters may possibly have such former ballots in their respective present possessions, the proposed printing of the extended 1982 Election absentee ballots on good quality colored paper will facilitate the determination by the Tribal Election Board at the place of ballot canvassing as to whether certain non-resident eligible voters may have returned more than the one permitted absentee ballot.

3. That the proposed printing of absentee ballots on good quality paper of one color and the printing of resident voter ballots on good quality paper of a different color will facilitate the ability of the Tribal Election Board and that of those persons present at the place of ballot canvassing to readily distinguish between those ballots cast by absentee voters and those ballots cast by resident voters in an effort to protect the extended 1982 Election proceedings from impropriety; and

WHEREAS, Having taken into consideration the request of the Tribal Election Board and the specified reasons or justification therefor, it is the considered judgment of the Tribal Business Council that said request is meritorious and that compliance therewith should operate to further ensure that the 1982 Election of the Three Affiliated Tribes be conducted in a fair, proper, and ethical manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, in the conduct and for the purpose exclusively of the extended 1982 Election of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council, pursuant to its Constitutional power and authority, hereby makes a rule authorizing the Tribal Election Board to cause all Election ballots to be printed on good quality paper, expressly including good quality colored paper, and that such rule shall have the effect of forthwith superseding any and all conflicting provisions currently set forth in the Election Ordinance of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

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 7 constitutes a quorum, 8 were present at Special Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 22 day of October, 1982; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 8 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 22 DAY OF OCTOBER, 1982.

Jillie Walker
SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST
Armin H. [Signature]
CHAIRMAN, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL