

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 Bylaws 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 Three Affiliated Tribes has been informed that the financial assistance grants programs of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) will be transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) effective April 1983; and

WHEREAS, ANA is unique in that it is the sole source of funding whereby Tribal governments may implement comprehensive strategies for improved governmental capabilities, self-sufficiency, and service coordination; and

WHEREAS, ANA responds to Tribal Governments' needs with comprehensive, competitive grant announcements rather than dictating through categorical grants; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes, other Tribal Governments, Indian organization, and urban centers have greatly benefited in their relationship with ANA and HHS - both with the agencies as a whole and with their individual employees; and

WHEREAS, There has been little or no study of the effects of the transfer and no consultation with Tribal governments or Indian organization; and

WHEREAS, ANA has performed its functions efficiently and fairly with a minimum number of staff and without excessive administrative overhead; and

WHEREAS, The BIA has not proven itself capable of providing the same level of service

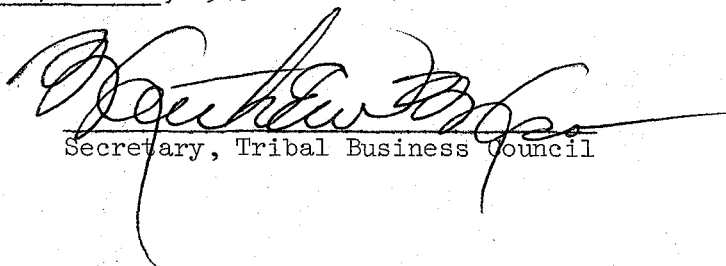
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council respectfully requests that the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, members of the House Education and Labor Committee, and the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs seek immediate legislative prohibition of the proposed transfer of Administration for Native Americans to the Bureau of Indian Affairs

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes stands ready to provide any additional written or personal testimony needed that will support that prohibition effort.

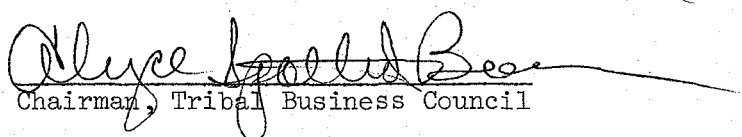
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 constituting a quorum, 9 were present at a Special Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 3 day of MARCH 1983; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, - members opposed, - members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 3 day of MARCH, 1983


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council