

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 of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(j) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the property, wildlife, and natural resources of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The State Legislature of North Dakota has recently enacted Senate Concurrent Resolution 4029; and
- WHEREAS, The purpose and intent of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4029 is to adversely affect Indian treaty, statutory, and civil rights; and
- WHEREAS, The State Legislature, through Senate Bill 2146, has recently indicated an intent to negotiate the solution to many of the problems alleged to exist in Senate Concurrent Resolution 4029; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes have for years been authorized and empowered by Article VI, Section 5(d) of their Constitution to negotiate with the State and local governments, and have, in fact and in good faith, been negotiating with the State of North Dakota in a number of areas, including the areas of taxation, water rights, oil and gas, hunting, pesticide code enforcement, and a State undertaking known as the Southwest Pipeline Project; and
- WHEREAS, The United States owes a trust duty to the Indian people, including the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, to preserve, protect, and defend the Tribes' treaty, statutory, and civil rights and resources; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal members, through an open meeting, have declared their strong opposition to the purpose and intent of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4029;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, by this Resolution, the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation urge the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to fulfill their trust duty to the Indian people, as well as to uphold the Constitution and the civil rights laws of the United States and refuse to give any force and effect to Senate Concurrent Resolution 4029.

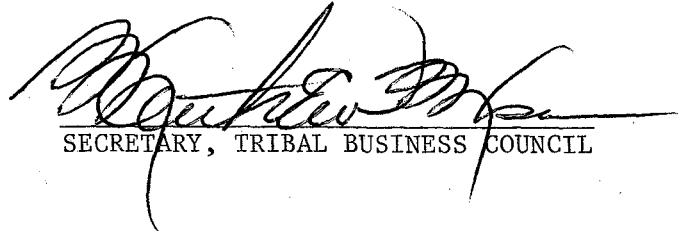
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I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three

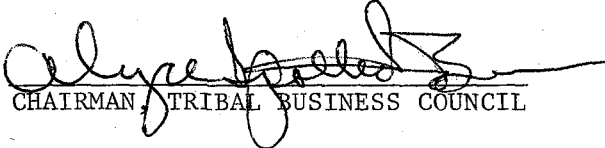
Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 11 members, of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, 10 were present at a SPECIAL meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 25 day of MARCH, 1983, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, — members opposed, — members abstained, 3 members not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (Voting) (~~Not Voting~~)

Dated this 25 day of MARCH, 1983.


SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:


CHAIRMAN, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL