

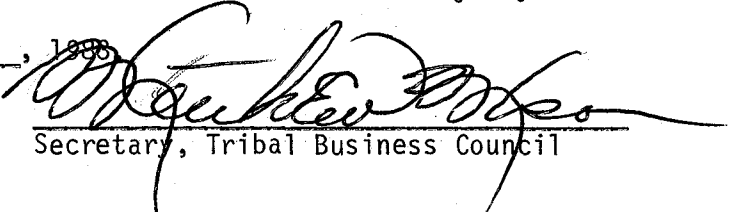
RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

- 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 authorize and empower the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, The State of North Dakota has indicated its intent, both to the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Department of Interior, to negotiate and develop a Tribal-State water compact regarding the Tribes' claims to surface and ground waters on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council considers it in the best interests of the Tribes to inventory and determine the nature and scope of Tribal water claims to ground and surface waters on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Legal Department has developed a proposed procedure for the inventory of water resources and development of the Tribal-State water compact; and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Interior, through its Office of Trust Resources, has made available for the purposes of Phase I of the study \$150,000; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes will seek additional funding for Phase II of the study;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to enter into the attached contract for the development and negotiation of the Three Affiliated Tribes' water claims contract in the amount of \$150,000.

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 6 day of MAY, 1983; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 8 members, — members opposed, 1 members abstained, — members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 6 day of MAY, 1983


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

Attest:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council