

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

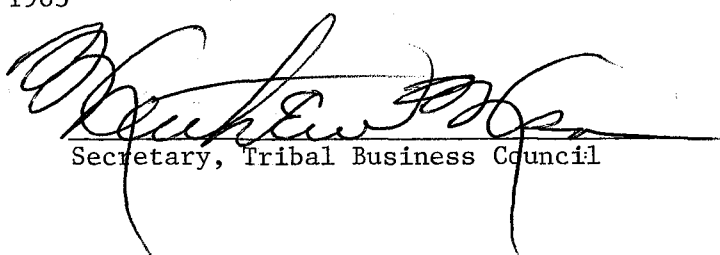
- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes is a sovereign nation that has a unique relationship with the United States Government; and
- WHEREAS, This relationship has been characterized by President Reagan as a "government to government" relationship; and
- WHEREAS, Such a "government to government" relationship can be achieved only if the Three Affiliated Tribes deals directly with policy level decision makers; and
- WHEREAS, The Aberdeen Area Office personnel does not have such policy level authority which only serves to hinder tribal government by consistently failing to live up to responsibilities, as delineated by treaties, Congressional mandate, Executive Orders, and U.S. Supreme Court decisions; and
- WHEREAS, Experience has shown that critical decisions have to be resolved at the Central Office level. Administrative costs for the Aberdeen Area Bureau of Indian Affairs administration are too costly for the benefits derived by tribal government; and
- WHEREAS, Services that the Aberdeen Area Office is mandated to provide are also being provided at the Agency level which now creates a large duplication of services and a waste of time and money.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council does hereby request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to abolish the Aberdeen Area Office to provide for a more orderly and efficient transmittal of Congressionally mandated services to the Three Affiliated Tribes.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes deal directly with the Central Office in Washington, D. C. and that the funds now being spent at the Aberdeen Area Office level be directed to the reservation and their needs.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the abolishment of the Aberdeen Area Office will strengthen the authority of local tribal government by giving the Superintendent more approval authority.

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 do hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 11 members of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, 9 were present at a Special Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 1st day of June, 1983; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 9 members, 0 members opposed, 0 abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (~~not-voting~~).

DATED THIS 1st DAY OF June, 1983


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council