## 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 Legal Department has been informed that monies are now available for the full funding of the Tribes' previously submitted Tribal-State water compact negotiations proposal; and
- WHEREAS, Full funding of the Tribe's proposal calls for Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for the necessary technical, economic and legal work to complete Phases I and II of the proposal;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to obtain full funding of the Tribe's previously submitted proposal for the development and negotiation of the Three Affiliated Tribes' water claims and to contract the full amount of \$500,000.00 to the Tribe for the completion of that project.

## CERTIFICATION

members opposed, members abstained, o members not
voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended
in any way.
Chairman (Voting) (Not Voting)
Dated this 16 day of June, 1983.
Denn- Hulen
Secretary, Tribal Business Council (Acting)
ATTEST:
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Chairman, Tribal Business Council