- 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 of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The current fiscal year account maintained by the Tribal Business Council includes a line item denominated as "Tribal Administration: Attorney Fees" and designated as Account No. 535-520-03, to which line item was originally appropriated the amount of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) and in which line item is currently maintained an unexpended balance in the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred, Forty-Three, and 79/100 Dollars (\$29,243.79); and
- WHEREAS, Such appropriation was placed in Account No. 535-520-03 for the purpose of payment of the respective attorney fees and related expenses submitted by the law firms retained by the Three Affiliated Tribes during the current fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, The Legal Department of the Three Affiliated Tribes will not be refunded by the Administration for Native Americans subsequent to the termination of the current ANA/SEDS fiscal year (to-wit: June 30, 1983) and, consequently, in order to retain Raymond Cross, Staff Attorney, and Ann Jackson Irwin, Paralegal/Librarian, within the Legal Department through September 30, 1983, it will be necessary to pay their respective salaries and fringe benefits from an alternative source of funding; and
- WHEREAS, In addition, the Legal Department, at the request of the Tribal Business Council, continues to devote a substantial amount of time and effort on various matters in the area of federal Indian law, and, in order to continue to adequately represent the interests of the Tribes and of their enrolled members in many of such matters, the continued retention by the Legal Department, on a consultant basis, of professionals and other individuals with expertise in various areas is necessary, which retention requires that funds be made available for payment of the respective consultant fees and related expenses; and
- WHEREAS, In the interest of ensuring that the Legal Department will have an adequate level of fiscal support for the continued provision of quality services to and representation of the Three Affiliated Tribes and of their enrolled members throughout the remainder of the current fiscal year, the Tribal Business Council deems it advisable to make additional funds available to the Legal Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Legal Department to make necessary and reasonable expenditures from the unexpended balance maintained in Account No. 535-520-03 related to the provision of services thereby to the Three Affiliated Tribes, subject to the approval of the Comptroller of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

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, // were present at Africal Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the Aday of June, 1983, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of Members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (

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Dated this 30 day of June, 1983.

SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

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