

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 By-laws 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, agricultural economic conditions which have existed for the past four years consisting of low livestock and grain prices, high interest rates and operating costs, and elevating pasture and farm lease prices have seriously eroded the economy of the Three Affiliated Tribes, and diminished the equity position of livestock and farm operators; and
- WHEREAS, the primary economy of this reservation is driven from its agricultural land base which is leased as a source of income to both the Tribe and individual allottees; and
- WHEREAS, due to the tightening of lending policies by banks and agricultural lenders and the poor agricultural prices of the present time, it is apparent that many tribal livestock and farm operators are in imminent danger of being foreclosed upon by lending institutions; and
- WHEREAS, the Three Affiliated Tribes and its membership have already experienced two years in which utilization of the land base continues to decline and lease revenues continue to shrink due to diminishing numbers and the financial straits of Indian operators; and
- WHEREAS, if this trend is allowed to continue, the tragic effects will be the loss of a tribal economy which has for over fifty years sustained the membership and government of the Three Affiliated Tribes as well as the loss of trust land and financial destruction of the Indian operator; and
- WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Tribal Business Council to take whatever steps necessary to preserve its economy and the assets of the Tribe and Tribal members; and
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes does hereby declare that a state of economic disaster exists on the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation and directs the Tribal Business Council to contact Federal legislative delegations and all appropriate Federal agencies and to furnish said delegates or agencies with a copy of this resolution for the purpose of obtaining all economic assistance available to the Tribe and livestock operators which may be made available including but not limited to, a moratorium on all foreclosures or repossessions of livestock, land or equipment, disaster assistance, emergency loans, cattle re-payment programs.

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 3rd day of August, 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.

Chairman (Voting) (Not-Voting)

Dated this 3rd day of August, 1983



SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:



CHAIRMAN, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL