

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

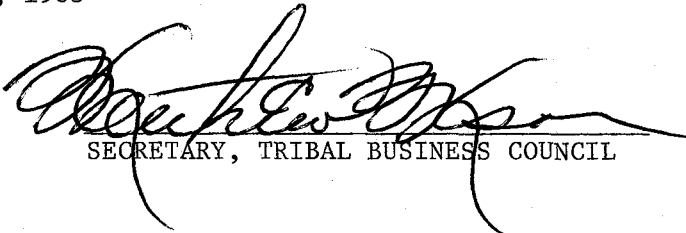
- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the tribes and tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, the Three Affiliated Tribes in recognition of their obligation to protect its membership and the tribal land base; and
- WHEREAS, the severe economic conditions on this Reservation, consisting of low livestock and grain prices, high lease costs, and high interest rates, have virtually eliminated the equity position of tribal ranchers and farmers; and
- WHEREAS, unless immediate relief is forthcoming a substantial number of Indian ranchers and farmers on this Reservation will be foreclosed by Federal and local lending institutions; and
- WHEREAS, local sources of relief to alleviate this problem have been exhausted and lending institutions are refusing to grant extensions or renew the loans; and
- WHEREAS, the Federal Government has a trust obligation to the Three Affiliated Tribes and has the resources to aid Tribal stockmen and farmers but has not taken any substantial steps to do so; and
- WHEREAS, the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs has the power and duty to review the conditions which affect the members of this Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, no other source of relief can be found for the economic dilemma now facing Indian ranchers; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs of the United States Senate be requested to investigate the economic conditions affecting Indian stockmen and farmers in this area through oversight hearings to be conducted in the general area; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forthwith served upon the Chairman and members of the said Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and the Congressional delegation of this State together with the Tribal Councils of all similarly affected Tribes.

## 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 9 members, -- members opposed, -- 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