

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

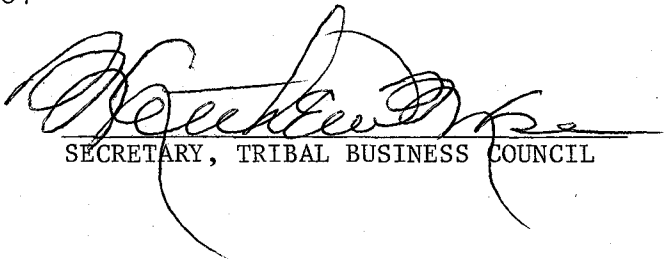
- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, in 1948, the U.S. Government condemned a substantial portion of the most fertile, sheltered riverbottom lands of the Tribes to create the Garrison Dam and large reservoir that inundated 150,000 acres of the Tribes ancestral homeland that flooded the Indian Agency and the cemeteries of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara; and
- WHEREAS, today, the 900 families are now located in six (6) different counties on the remaining 980,500 acre reservation, and the geographic features of the reservation were drastically upheaved by the formation of the Garrison Dam so that now Indian families are geographically isolated from one another and transportation has become tedious and difficult; and
- WHEREAS, the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation is further divided into six distinct demographic communities (White Shield, Twin Buttes, Mandaree, Four Bears, New Town and Parshall) with the Three Affiliated Tribes' government headquarters located in the Four Bears area west of New Town in the Northern part of the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Garrison Dam created great hardships for the members of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes and it is an inherent part to understanding the great impact the formation of the Garrison Dam has had upon the geographic constraints, demographic characteristics, jurisdictional issues and cultural elements of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the only bridge built on Lake Sakakawea within the reservation boundaries is located at a point almost due west of New Town, about two miles downstream from the old Sanish Crossing.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Congress be requested to appropriate funds for building a new bridge structure long enough and high enough to cross Lake Sakakawea at the old Highway 8 locations North of Twin Buttes and South of Parshall to reunite the Northern and Eastern communities of the Reservation with the Southern and Western Communities.

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, 11 were present at a REGULAR Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 12 day of JANUARY, 1984; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 8 members, — members opposed, 3 members abstained, — members not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (Voting) (~~Not Voting~~)

Dated this 12 day of JANUARY, 1984


SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:


CHAIRMAN, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL