

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

- 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 (i), of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to make assignments and leases of tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS, A large portion of the minerals owned by the Tribes are presently unleased because the previous leases have expired; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribes realize that the leasing of Tribally-owned minerals and the subsequent development of those minerals, if properly managed, can constitute a benefit to the Tribes and their members; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribes have the opportunity to utilize both competitive bidding and negotiation as a means to lease or otherwise contract for the development of Tribally-owned minerals on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs will be conducting a competitive oil and gas lease sale in the spring of 1984 for Indian-owned minerals on the Fort Berthold Reservation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the unleased Tribally-owned oil and gas mineral interests on the Fort Berthold Reservation be included in the list of tracts identified in an advertisement for a competitive oil and gas lease sale to be held in the spring of 1984, and that such sale be held under rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Interior.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council hereby reserves the right to enter into negotiations with interested parties, in the context of a lease or other contract for the development of the tribally owned mineral interests on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

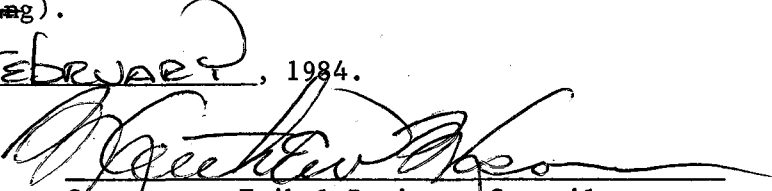
**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

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 constitutes a quorum, 7 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 16 day of FEBRUARY 1984; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the

affirmative vote of 7 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 16 day of February, 1984.

  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council