

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY ON  
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 and Bylaws 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs presently headquarters its agency offices in the Northeast Quadrant that comprises the northeastern third of the reservation and is the home of 95% of the non-Indian Population living on the reservation and only sixty-four (64) tribal members live in the land in this reservation area; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs impacts the economic and civic growth of the non-Indian population who dominate the business and commerce life of this area of the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, this is detrimental to the economic well-being of the Three Affiliated Tribes who derive no financial benefit from the turn-over of the dollar in this non-Indian community; and
- WHEREAS, the civic leader of the North East Quadrant non-Indian population have formed political action groups that promote the abrogation of treaties and the termination of the Three Affiliated Tribes as a Nation; and
- WHEREAS, if the Fort Berthold Indian Agency offices were removed to the tribal government headquarters of the Three Affiliated Tribes located west of New Town across the Missouri River in the heavily Indian populated Western Segment, closer relationships would naturally become more evident between the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs with the Indians enjoying the dominant position; and
- WHEREAS, the agency offices due to their physical location have been isolated from the Indian people and have been somewhat independent of the Three Affiliated Tribes developmental efforts; and

WHEREAS, these two closely inter-related government entities should probably be incorporated within the same geographic area of their joint efforts are to be comprehensive in the Tribes social and economic development goal of improving long-range comprehensive planning and management capabilities including the restructuring of governmental agencies and their functions; and

WHEREAS, to this end Public Law 96-638, the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act have incorporated the policies of encouraging the maximum participation of Indians in the planning and implementation of programs serving them, promoting the development and utilization of Indian resources (both physical and human), and providing technical and financial support for educational training programs which will develop leadership skills and employment capabilities crucial to the realization of self-government, economic self-sufficiency, and in sum, self-determination.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Interior appropriate the funds necessary for the removal of the local Indian Agency offices from the City of New Town to the Four Bears Motor Lodge Complex adjacent to Tribal headquarters west of the river.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs begin preparations to complete this move by October 1, 1984.

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 04 day of March 1984; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 11 members 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 8 day of March 1984,

Attest: Alyce Spotted Bear  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council

[Signature]  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council