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 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(a) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribes in accordance with the terms of the Corporate Charter issued to the Tribes by the Secretary of Interior; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution of the Three affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purpose of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated on June 8, 1981, and on August 25, 1981, in satisfaction of the respective awards granted to the Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation in United States Court of Claims Dockets 350-G and 54-81L; and
- WHEREAS, Under the Programming Aspect of Twenty (20) percent of the funds, the Three Affiliated Tribes established the Business Development Fund and the plan reads as follows:

"Twenty (20) percent shall be utilized, under a Plan of Operations developed by the Tribal governing body and approved by the Secretary, for the establishment of tribal business ventures designed to provide employment for tribal members. Such ventures and projects may include, but not limited to, Agri-Business Development, Irrigation Farming, Feedlots, Trailer Parks, Commercial Fisheries, Energy Development, Oil Refinery and Disposal Wells. A portion of these funds may be used as collateral for securing loans from private lending institutions for tribal members entering into business ventures, such loans to be fully secured. Under this program, tribal members may enter into business partnership with the Tribes."

- WHEREAS, The proposed plans of operation are in line with the Distribution plan, the Tribal Constitution and Bylaws and Federal law.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the Business Development Fund to be used for:
 (1) Establishment of Tribal Business Ventures and (2) a grant program for joint ventures or partnerships between the Three Affiliated Tribes and enrolled members, both uses which are specifically authorized under the Distribution Plan approved by Congress.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Bureau of Indian Affairs to withdraw seventy-five percent (75%) of the earned interest in behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes from the Business Development Fund as of the date of maturity of this account, May 1, 1984.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if necessary, the Three Affiliated Tribes further authorizes the Bureau of Indian Affairs to initiate a buy-out and also relieves the Bureau of Indian Affairs of any liability of potential loss of income.

CERTIFICATION

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,
\underline{Q} were present at a $\underline{Special}$ Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed,
convened and held on the Twenty-Ninth day of March, 1984; that the foregoing
resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of ${\cal S}$
members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting,
and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1984.

SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN ARTRAS ROSINESS COUNCIL.