Resolution #84- 180-5

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 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 IV, Section 5(j) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the property, wildlife, and natural resources of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal peoples of the Fort Berthold Reservation suffered greatly from the social, cultural and geographic disruption caused by the flooding of the Reservation in the 1940s occasioned by the development of Lake Sakakawea under federal law; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council believes that the public has never been adequately informed about the disproportionate costs imposed on the people of the Fort Berthold Reservation by the development of the Garrison Dam and Lake Sakakawea; and
- WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior, William P. Clark, is considering the appointment of members to a Secretarial commission to study the advisability of an irrigation project associated with the Lake Sakakawea development known as the Garrison Diversion Unit; and
- WHEREAS, Other Indian tribes have been successful in obtaining certain benefits, including irrigation water, be asserting their rights with regard to such massive water development projects as the Garrison Diversion Unit; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council believes that the Tribes are entitled to a share of any water resources developed for use from Lake Sakakawea; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council believes participation in the Secretarial commission to study the Garrison Diversion Unit would allow the Tribes to articulate their rights to the Secretary and to the public,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby directs the Legal Department to draft a letter, for Council review, to the Secretary of the Interior, William P. Clark, requesting that a Tribal member be appointed to the above-referenced Secretarial commission.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Madam Chairman, Alyce Spotted Bear, be recommended as the Tribal member to participate as a member of the Secretarial commission.

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 constitutes a quorum. 7 were present
at a Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on
the day of Joly, 1984; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted
at such meeting by the affirmative vote of members, members opposed,
members abstained, members not voting, and that said Resolution has
not been rescinded or amended in any way.
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Dated this 3 day of 10/4, 1984.
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