

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, Section 5(j) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the culture and traditions of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council considers the name and designation of the Tribes to be inadequate in that it fails to identify those Tribes that comprise the body politic; and
- WHEREAS, It is the considered opinion of the Tribal Business Council that the historic and distinct identity of each of the Tribes should be declared formally; and
- WHEREAS, The chronological relationship between these three Tribes and their resulting union, both socially and culturally, has been obscured in the present title or designation of these Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The accurate and complete identification of the three Tribes underscores the nature of their alliance on a voluntary and beneficial basis; and
- WHEREAS, Each of the following distinct Indian nations believes it proper for them to be singled out and identified by name as follows: "The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation"; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council deems it proper to adopt the legal and formal designation of the Tribes as "The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation," and that all governmental activities and functions of this government should be conducted in the name of "The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council hereby requests the Secretary of the Interior, through his designated representative, the Area Director of the Aberdeen Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to hold a Special Referendum Election of the membership of the Three Affiliated Tribes on or about October 18, 1984, for the purpose of changing the legal and formal title of this federally recognized tribe from "The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation" to "The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation of the Fort Berthold Reservation."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That should the people of the Fort Berthold Reservation approve by referendum this amendment, the Secretary of the Interior, or

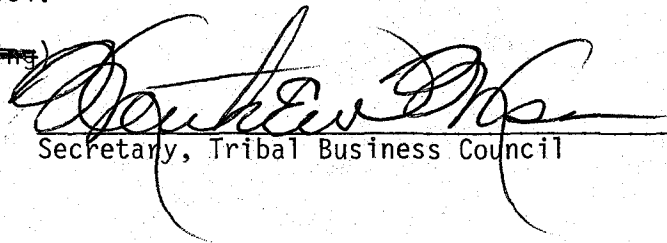
his designated representative, shall cause the Three Affiliated Tribes' Constitution and Bylaws to be amended, by striking the phrase, "The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation" wherever it appears and substituting the phrase, "The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation of the Fort Berthold Reservation."

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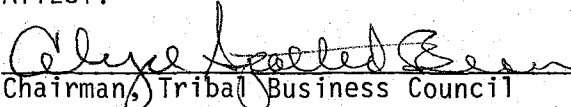
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 11 members, of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, 9 were present at a REGULAR Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 19 day of July, 1984; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 9 members, — members opposed, — members abstained, — members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated This 19 day of July, 1984.

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


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council