

Resolution No. 84-245-8

**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, The Tribal Business Council recognizes that agriculture is the backbone of the the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation economy; and
- WHEREAS, In light of the already existing poor agricultural conditions which prevail on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and create hardships for our Indian ranchers; and
- WHEREAS, The extreme heat and the lack of timely precipitation during the past summers's growing season adversely affected hay, pasture and small grain production in terms of quality and quantity; and
- WHEREAS, The unseasonably cold period which prevailed during the previous winter unexpectedly depleted feed supplies for livestock and placed undue stress on the livestock which resulted in cow loss, a poor calf crop and a reduced reproduction rate; and
- WHEREAS, It is essential that feed grain be immediately made available to supplement existing livestock feeding programs in order to prevent undue losses; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That as the governing body of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council does hereby declare that an acute distress area exists on the Fort Berthold Reservation, because of drought and chronic unemployment, which will require that supplemental feed be made available for Indian-owned cattle; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Natural Resources Department is hereby designated to pursue with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Agriculture such a program as is deemed necessary to assist our Indian ranchers.

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, 9 were present at a Special Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 3 day of October 1984; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 9 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (~~not voting~~).

Dated this 3 day of October, 1984.

Maura M. Kees Acting
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Alyce Beall Bean
Chairman, Tribal Business Council