

**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 1909 Mineral Leasing Act, 25 U.S.C. § 396, does not require that mining leases for allotted lands be offered through competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, The regulations found in 25 C.F.R. at 212.4(b) are vague on the subject of when an individual Indian may negotiate an oil and gas lease for minerals owned by him; and

WHEREAS, A number of allottees or, heirs or devisees to allottees on the Fort Berthold Reservation desire to negotiate their own oil and gas leases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to issue waivers, in a timely manner, to allottees or, heirs or devisees to allottees desiring to negotiate oil and gas leases, provided that said individuals are the sole owners of the mineral estate of the allotment to be leased.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Bureau of Indian Affairs allow individual Indians to negotiate oil and gas leases owned by them for a period of one year following the date of a competitive oil and gas lease sale if no bid is received at the lease sale.

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vote of 9 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.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.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]