

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

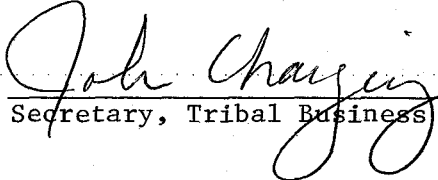
- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3(b) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to establish a Tribal Court system; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to promulgate ordinances and to adopt rules and regulations governing various matters in the area of the domestic relations of members of the Tribes, including the care of dependents, adoption, and legitimacy, and such ordinances, rules, and regulations to be administered by the Tribal Court system; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and of other Tribal instrumentalities; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes have formally promulgated statutory provisions relating to minor children, legitimacy, adoption, dependency, and guardianship; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes have established a Tribal Court system, included within which are the Juvenile Court, the District Court, and the Court of Appeals; and
- WHEREAS, It has consistently been the intent of the Three Affiliated Tribes to achieve a true separation of powers between the legislative branch of government (i.e., the Tribal Business Council) and the judicial branch of government (i.e., the Tribal Court system); and
- WHEREAS, In the past, certain enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, who have been aggrieved by or dissatisfied with the course of proceedings pending or disposed of within the Tribal Court system, have approached certain Tribal Business Council Committees (e.g., the Human Resources Committee and the Judiciary Committee) and/or the Tribal Business Council itself for the purpose and with the intent of securing alternative relief with which such enrolled members would be satisfied; and
- WHEREAS, The creation of an alternative forum to such aggrieved enrolled members

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council, pursuant to its express Constitutional power and authority, hereby mandates that the Tribal Business Council and its established Committees shall not hereafter constitute and act as alternative forums within which enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, who are aggrieved by or dissatisfied with the course of proceedings pending or disposed of within the Fort Berthold Tribal Court system, are heard and that the Fort Berthold Tribal Court system is the appropriate and exclusive forum within which such judicial matters are to be heard.

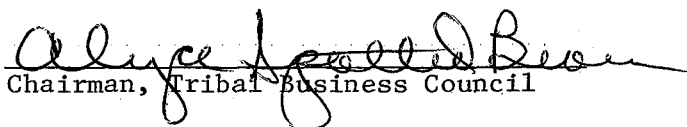
CERTIFICATION

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, 10 were present at a SPECIAL Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 1984; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 10 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 1984


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council