

Resolution No. 84-279-C

**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, Article VI, Section 5 (a), of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically empowers the Tribal Business Council to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Land and Livestock Association was established for the purpose of promoting Agriculture and Agricultural oriented enterprises on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Land and Livestock Association was further established to protect the Land, Air and Water and those individuals that thrived on the independence and hard work of making their living off the Land and other related resources on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, Over the past several years FmHA has been our main provider of credit using both land and chattels as security; and
- WHEREAS, FmHA has made millions of dollars worth of emergency disaster type loans that were made in haste with very little planning and management practices figured into the loan; and
- WHEREAS, These loans were made to pay off back loans that were in trouble with-out any consideration given to discounting the loan for early payment; and
- WHEREAS, These large loans were made using land as security ammortized over short periods of time consequently these loans were delinquent immediately; and
- WHEREAS, The lands that were used as security for these loans are now in or nearing foreclosure; and
- WHEREAS, After these large loans were made FmHA inicated its influence to stop our members production by making management decisions and stopping loan activity; and
- WHEREAS, The Federal Government acting through the FmHA has

WHEREAS, Most of these loans should be limited resource loans which would reflect lower interest rates instead of high interest rates applicable to the present loans causing undue financial hardships on farmers and ranchers on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Federal Government initiate the necessary action to have the Inspector Generals Office have a representative come here to Fort Berthold and investigate these problems we are refering to.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, He take the necessary action to stop acceleration of loans until this investigation and-report is-complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Federal Government take action immediately to correct its failure to protect our resources and especially our land in a prudent and lawful order.

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, 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.

Chairman (voting) (not voting).

Dated this 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 1984.

John Chargin
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Alvin [Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council