

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 X of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to approve proposed amendments to the Constitution and to direct that the Secretary of the Interior call and conduct a special Secretarial election in which the qualified voters of the Three Affiliated Tribes would vote on the amendments so proposed; and
- WHEREAS, By means of a number of Resolutions previously adopted, the Tribal Business Council has caused to be conducted a special Secretarial election in which the qualified voters of the Three Affiliated Tribes will vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution which would change the legal identity of the Tribes from the "Three Affiliated Tribes" to the "Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation" and would clarify and extend the jurisdiction and sovereign powers of the Tribal government; and
- WHEREAS, The initially drafted ballot, which was approved in form and substance by the United States Solicitor's Office, the Department of the Interior, and the Tribal Business Council, combined the above-identified amendments in one amendment to be voted on as a whole by the qualified voters of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has recently been informed by certain of its own members, the Legal Department of the Three Affiliated Tribes, and the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that, based upon certain concerns relative to the proposed amendments voiced by resident qualified voters of the Tribes during the conduct of meetings held with various Reservation communities, it would be advisable to alter the form exclusively of the initially drafted and approved ballot, so as to identify two separate amendments to be voted on separately by the qualified voters of the Tribes, one of which amendments would relate to the proposed name change of the Tribes and the other of which would relate to the clarification and extension of the jurisdiction and sovereign powers of the Tribal government; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has been further informed that the United States Solicitor's Office has formally approved the proposed alteration of the form of the ballot as described hereinabove;

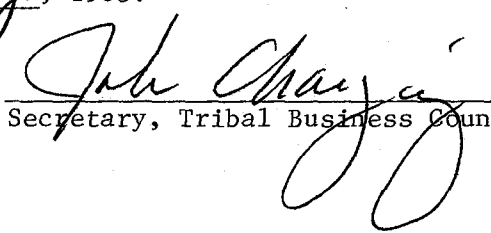
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby formally approves the form and substance of the ballot as so altered, a true and correct photostatic copy of which ballot is attached hereto and made part hereof, and hereby approves and directs that said ballot be used as the official ballot to be voted on by the qualified voters of the Three Affiliated Tribes in the conduct of the special Secretarial election on the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

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, 9 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 14 day of February, 1985; 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 (Not Voting) (Voting)

Dated this 14 day of February, 1985.


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council