

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 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, as the governing body of the Three Affiliated Tribes, has expressed the willingness of the Tribal Government to negotiate with other governmental bodies, including the State of North Dakota, regarding matters of concern to the Tribal members and other persons residing on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recently introduced to the Forty-Ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota an offer to negotiate matters of mutual concern to both Tribal and non-Tribal members residing on the Fort Berthold Reservation, and that offer took the form of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4051, which was introduced in the Senate Finance & Taxation Committee by Senator Dean Meyers of the 36th District and represented the Three Affiliated Tribes' good faith offer to negotiate several issues; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council believes that such negotiations are in the best interests of both the Tribal and non-Tribal people and represent a productive manner in which issues that concern all the residents of the Fort Berthold Reservation can be resolved; and
- WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Tribal Business Council that another Senate Concurrent Resolution, numbered 4044, was introduced to the Senate Finance & Taxation Committee at the same time Senate Concurrent Resolution 4051 was introduced, that resolution having been introduced by Senator Stanley Wright of the 4th District; and
- WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution 4044 sets forth issues of concern on the Fort Berthold Reservation in the form of a memorial to the United States Congress asking that it take action to settle those issues without any input from the Three Affiliated Tribes and without the consent of the Tribal people; and
- WHEREAS, Such a one-sided memorial to Congress requests Congress to take action in disregard of the solemn treaties and other agreements between the Tribes and the United States Government, and that such a memorial neither accomplishes any worthwhile goal nor can it reasonably aid in the solution of any concerns which divide the Tribal and non-Tribal people of Fort Berthold; and
- WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution 4044 does not present any viable solution to issues of concern and further is disruptive of the negotiations process contemplated by Senate Concurrent Resolution 4051; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council believes it is in the best interests of the Tribal people that, if Senate Concurrent Resolution 4044 is passed by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly and forwarded to the

United States Congress in disregard of the Tribes' good faith offer to negotiate issues of concern to the satisfaction and in the best interests of the Tribal and non-Tribal people residing on the Fort Berthold Reservation, that the Three Affiliated Tribes withdraw their offer of such negotiations and withdraw all support from Senate Concurrent Resolution 4051.

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 19th day of March, 1985; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 3 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1985.

Jah Chasing
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Alyce Freda Bear
Chairman, Tribal Business Council