

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 for 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 authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to manage the economic affairs of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(j) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the natural resources of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes have great concerns regarding the negotiations between the United States, as trustee for the Tribes, and the State of North Dakota, of the Tribes' Winters based water rights in the surface and ground waters arising on or flowing through the Fort Berthold Reservation, and the Tribes wish to participate in the negotiations process in an informed and effective manner; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Legal Department has advised the Tribal Business Council that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$45,000) available for which the Tribes may contract for the purpose of assuring their informed participation in the ongoing water rights negotiations; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council believes that it is in the best interests of the Tribes and their members that the Tribal Legal Department should initiate a contract on the Tribes' behalf for the award of monies in the amount of Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$45,000) with the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby directs the Legal Department to request a contract on behalf of the Tribes for the award of Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$45,000) from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purposes stated above, said contract period to run from March 15, 1985, to December 31, 1985.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council directs that the Chairman of the Council be authorized to sign all documents relative to the above-stated contract on behalf of the Council.

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, 11 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the

9th day of May, 1985; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 10 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1985.

Jab Chausa
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Oliver Gooden Ben
Chairman, Tribal Business Council