

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 and Bylaws 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 tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, the Three Affiliated Tribes have been contacted concerning incidents of exploitation of Indian burial sites/remains within the State of Kansas; and
- WHEREAS, the Arikara, Pawnee, Wichita, and other Tribes have lived within that State at various time periods in the past; and
- WHEREAS, members of these Tribes, representatives of the University of Kansas-Lawrence, and other interested persons recently met in a symposium to receive information on and discuss the drafting of legislation for the protection of Indian burial sites/remains; and
- WHEREAS, members of the Three Affiliated Tribes Cultural Concerns Committee attended the symposium; and
- WHEREAS, the general consensus reached at this meeting was that draft legislation should be developed and introduced to the Kansas Legislature to correct existing and prevent future incidents of desecration of Indian burial sites/remains; and
- WHEREAS, future meetings are being scheduled to complete this task and the Three Affiliated Tribes have been requested to send representatives for continued input; and
- WHEREAS, continued attendance by Tribal Business Council Cultural Concerns Committee members has been discussed but this could become expensive in terms of travel costs, etc.; and
- WHEREAS, Chester Ellis, Jr. - an Enrolled Tribal Member of Arikara descent who is employed with the Heart of America Indian Center in Kansas City, Missouri - has expressed interest in representing the Three Affiliated Tribes at the above referenced meetings; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis has participated in developing similar Indian burial site/remains draft protective legislation for the State of Missouri.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council, as recommended by the Cultural Concerns Committee, hereby designate Chester Ellis, Jr. as the Three Affiliated Tribes Representative for meetings scheduled to discuss Indian burial site/remains protective legislation in the State of Kansas.

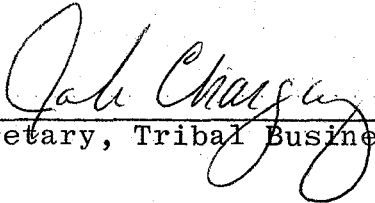
FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Ellis shall be requested to provide the Cultural Concerns Committee with ongoing reports of his activities performed in their behalf in this matter.

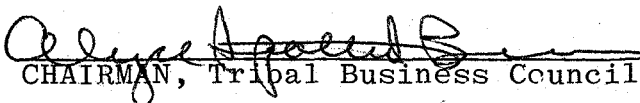
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 constituting a quorum, 9 were present at a REGULAR Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 21st day of FEBRUARY 1986; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 8 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 21st day of FEBRUARY, 1986

ATTEST:


Secretary, Tribal Business Council


CHAIRMAN, Tribal Business Council