## 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 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to P.L. 93-638 the Tribes are authorized to contract programs being administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The BIA includes contract support funds (CSF) for purposes of administering the contracted programs; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes is concerned that the BIA has been setting the contract support funds at a rate lesser than the Tribal indirect cost rate established via negotiations between the Tribes and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG); and
- WHEREAS, Because the OIG requires that 100% of the approved indirect cost rate be applied on all programs and because the BIA CSF never equals the Tribal indirect cost rate, the Tribes must utilize direct service funds to make up for the deficiency in CSF thereby reducing necessary services to Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribes no longer wish to continue to contract in the aforementioned manner.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby requests the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to take a firm position in regard to the CSF-indirect cost dilemna and ask Assistant Secretary Ross O. Swimmer to initiate immediate action to increase the BIA CSF to accommodate 100% of the actual indirect cost needs of each individual Tribe.

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Dated this 19th day of September, 1986.

Secretary, John Charging Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:

Alyce Spotted Rear, Chairperson Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes Fort Berthold Reservation

