## 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 IV, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to appoint an Election Board to conduct Tribal elections consistent with the governing law;
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes by Resolution #86-266-C delegated the responsibility to Madam Chairman to select, consistent with the Election Code, the members of the newly constituted Election Board; and
- WHEREAS, Madam Chairman has selected on Election Board consisting of Alameda Baker, Chairman; Beulah Chapin, member; Willard Yellow Bird, member; Ernestine Perry, member; Pete Coffey, Jr., member; and JoAnn White Owl, clerk; and
- WHEREAS, The Election Board selected by Madam Chairman shall be required to diligently pursue their civic responsibilities in providing full and fair elections under the law; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Election Board shall prepare a plan of operation for the implementation of the tribal primary and general elections, to be approved by the Legal Department, consistent with Judge Gregory's memorandum opinion dated November 30, 1986 and the governing law; and
- WHEREAS, The Legal Department shall review that approved plan to ensure the prompt and reasonable performance of each element of that plan; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has provided an independent legal counsel for the newly constituted Election Board; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Lyle G. Witham, Esq. has been retained pursuant to the terms of his contract to provide legal counsel to the Election Board with respect the performance of their duties pursuant to the Constitution and governing laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has restricted Mr. Witham's legal services contract to provide such advise to the Election Board as may be necessary to assist them in the performance of their duties under the law; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) The Election Board shall have the full authority and responsibility for the conduct of the future tribal elections consistent with the Election Code and the governing law of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- (2) The members of the Election Board shall be compensated for their services according to the terms and tenor of their contracts attached herein, and incorporated by reference, as B, C, D, E, F, and G; and
- (3) The Election Board shall prepare and submit for Judge Gregory's approval a plan implementing their responsibilities under the law; and
- (4) Mr. Lyle G. Witham, counsel for the Election Board shall be compensated for his services according to the terms and tenor of his contract attached herein, and incorporated by reference, as Attachment "A".
- (5) The budget for the Election Board is hereby approved in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

## 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 constitute a quorum, were present at a Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the Adday of Meeting by the affirmative vote of members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 24 day of Secember, 1986.

Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tribal Business Council