

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,** The Garrison Reformulation Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-294, authorized substantial irrigation and municipal, industrial, and rural (MIR) development projects on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Congress, through Pub. 99-294 has authorized the following amounts for these above identified purposes:
- (1) Approximately \$60 million for the irrigation development of 15,200 acres on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
  - (2) \$20.5 million for MIR development on the Fort Berthold Reservation and other reservations in North Dakota.
- WHEREAS,** The Congressional committee report accompanying the Garrison Reformulation Act recognizes that the purpose of these authorized projects is to partially compensate the Three Affiliated Tribes for the adverse social and economic impacts associated with the implementation of the Pick-Sloan Program on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Garrison Reformulation Act of 1986 represents a significant compromise between all contending groups regarding the fiscal, environmental, and social aspects of that project; and
- WHEREAS,** The prompt and realistic implementation of the Indian features of that project on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation would provide significant health, environmental and economic benefits to the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The administration's budget proposals on Garrison funding for fiscal year 1988 will significantly delay the implementation of the Indian projects authorized by that act;



THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES • FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

*Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes*

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

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March 24, 1987

The Honorable Tom Bevill, Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Energy and Water Development  
2362 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Bevill:

The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation urges your Committee, by formal resolution, to restore the funding in the FY 1988 Bureau of Reclamation Budget for the Garrison Diversion Unit. The restoration of this funding is essential to the implementation of the Indian features of this project on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. The Garrison Reformulation Act, Pub. L. 99-294, authorizes substantial irrigation and municipal, industrial, and rural (MIR) water development projects on the Fort Berthold Reservation as well as on two other Indian reservations in North Dakota. These Indian projects, if implemented would provide great public health environmental, and economic benefits to the Three Affiliated Tribes as well as to the other tribal people intended to be served by the project.

The Administration's budget proposal for FY 1988 Garrison funding would dash the tribal people's hope. Therefore, the Three Affiliated Tribes urges your committee to act to restore the Bureau of Reclamation funding to the level of \$34.9 million.

The Three Affiliated Tribes greatly appreciate your continued support for this important project.

Sincerely

Mr. Edward Lone Fight  
Chairman

Three Affiliated Tribes

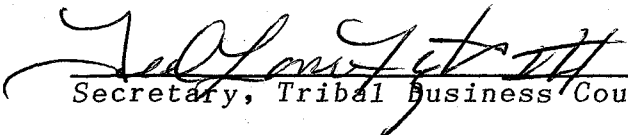
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council urges Congress, acting through its Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to restore Garrison funding to the level of \$34.9 million.


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 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 24 day of March, 1987; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1987.

  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council