

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 on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, The 1986 Three Affiliated Tribes age adjusted death rate for chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, the highest in Indian Health Service and the nation is 200.6 deaths per 100,000 population while the age adjusted death rate in Indian Health Service Aberdeen Area is 67.6 per 100,000 population, American Indians is 35.8 and all races is 6.4 per 100,000 population; and
- WHEREAS, Forty-four percent (44%) of the Fort Berthold reservation population is under 20 years of age; and
- WHEREAS, The conditions prevalent among young people on the Fort Berthold reservation which are related to alcohol and substance abuse are 1) a high infant mortality rate, 30.2 per 1,000 live births on Fort Berthold while the rate in North Dakota is 9.9 per 1,000 live births (1983); 2) teenage pregnancy among Indians in North Dakota in 1983 for mothers between 15 and 19 years of age is 20.8% while the rate for white women of the same age in North Dakota is 10%; 3) there were eleven suicide attempts known to Indian Health Service in 1986 and two of these were completed, however, there are probably many more which were unreported, all those reported were alcohol related; and
- WHEREAS, Substance abuse and alcohol abuse are evidenced by the increase in human abuse, neglect of children and the breakdown of family systems; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes is compelled to develop a comprehensive alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Plan (Tribal Action Plan) which addresses the related problems of children in crises, development needs of children and youth, pregnancy, alternatives to use and abuse of alcohol and related substances, and which assures a comprehensive prevention and treatment plan with adequate financial resources for implementation of the plan; and
- WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold reservation where the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara communities are widely separated by a large body of water created by the Garrison Dam which created the difficult problem of access to services needed to treat and prevent alcohol and substance abuse; and
- WHEREAS, The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Tribes are culturally unique on the Northern Plains necessitating prevention and treatment programs which are culturally relevant; and

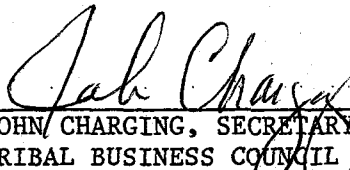
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes will develop a Tribal Action Plan whose implementation will include use of existing resources as well as request funds to meet identified needs for facilities and services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes request \$50,000 for technical assistance in developing the Tribal Action Plan.

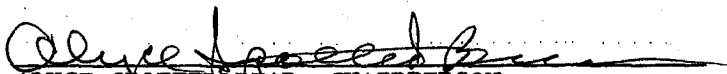
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 constitutes a quorum, 8 were present at a REGULAR Meeting; thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 24 day of FEBRUARY, 1987; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 Members, 0 Members opposed, 0 Members abstaining, 0 Members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 24 day of February, 1987.

  
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JOHN CHARGING, SECRETARY  
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
ALYCE SPOTTED BEAR, CHAIRPERSON  
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
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