

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FT BERTHOLD INDIAN 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 Tribe and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Tribes have a centuries old history of an agrarian lifestyle in the Upper Missouri Region; and as signatory parties to the 1857 Treaty of Ft Larimie and subsequent treaties entered into; the Three Affiliated Tribes have established a treaty relationship with the United States Government based upon the civilization of the tribes through agricultural endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes are now largely dependent upon agriculture as a source of personal and governmental income; and

WHEREAS, This governing body is aware that the majority of its tribal members indebted to the Farmers Home Administration are at present in some stage of liquidation which will result in the alienation of an estimated 140,000 acres of individual trust lands on the Ft Berthold Reservation; and

WHEREAS, This Tribe is committed to the preservation of our trust land base, both allotted and tribal, in order to preserve the limited economic land base remaining after the diminishment by the Garrison Dam; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes will take the following measures to protect the Trust land base of its members:

1. The Tribal Business Council hereby requests the National Director of the FmHA to suspend all foreclosure and liquidation actions involving foreclosure or conveyance of chattel and real estate of the Indian FmHA clientelle on Ft Berthold effectively immediately.
2. The Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes and designated members of the Tribal Business Council, to present to the National Director of FmHA a package Debt Settlement offer on behalf of its tribal members. Further the Tribal Chairman and designated Tribal Business Council members are authorized to negotiate a debt settlement offer which would be acceptable to the National Director of FmHA, and the tribal member borrowers; pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1864.
3. The Tribal Business Council hereby requests the Secretary of Interior to support the Trust Land Title he holds for the beneficial interests of tribes and allottees by demonstrating support for and providing technical assistance with these negotiations with FmHA.
4. Should the National Director of FmHA fail to suspend foreclosure and conveyance actions taken with regard to tribal FmHA clientelle, or should he refuse to enter into Debt Settlement negotiations on behalf of tribal member clientelle collectively; the Tribal Business Council hereby declares its intent to seek Federal injunctive relief on behalf of its members against adverse action by the FmHA. Further the Tribal Business Council will seek to introduce Congressional legislation to accomplish

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forgiveness of all debt against trust lands mortgaged to FmHA and the retention of title on behalf of the tribal member allottee.

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 constitutes a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, and convened, and held on the 14 day of May 1987; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (not voting)

Dated this 14 day of May 1987.

Acting: Elgin Crowe Brent
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Edward Lou Fajur
Chairman, Tribal Business Council