

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, As a result of the Tribes' treaty relationship with the United States Government and the Allotment Act; the United States Government holds in trust the legal title to Indian lands for the beneficial use of our tribal members; and

WHEREAS, Through Title 25 CFR, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been delegated the United States government's "fiduciary responsibility" to administer Indian lands held in Trust, and to prevent alienation of Indian lands; and

WHEREAS, The BIA has been delegated the authority under 25 USCS §483a., to approve the mortgage or deeds of trust by Individual Indian owners; and

WHEREAS, The BIA has approved the mortgage to the FmHA of over 50,000 acres of Individual trust land on the Ft Berthold Reservation, the majority of which is now deemed to be at risk of being alienated through foreclosure or conveyance to FmHA; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes have previously requested via resolution, the Secretary of Interior to negotiate with the Secretary of Agriculture a debt forgiveness

and the release of liability on behalf of Indian FmHA borrowers on the Ft Berthold Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Federal Government take necessary action to carry out its "fiduciary responsibility" to our agriculture industry on the Ft Berthold Reservation, to prevent the alienation of these essential trust lands by negotiating a debt settlement with the Farmers Home Administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The BIA prevent the total collapse of the Indian agricultural industry on Ft Berthold by taking immediate steps to initiate an Emergency Operating Loan Fund, utilizing the Direct Loan Program, through the Indian Finance Act; and providing the necessary technical assistance with application and packaging of these loans.

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 14th 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 ammended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (not voting)

Dated this 14 day of May 1987.

Acting: Edwin Crow-Breast
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Edward LoneFisher
Chairman, Tribal Business Council