

**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 VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(d) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to negotiate with agencies of the United States Government on behalf of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, With the general intent of ultimately achieving a greater degree of self-government and economic self-sufficiency for their own welfare and benefit and in conformity with the current Indian policy espoused by the federal administration, the Three Affiliated Tribes are commencing to undertake a mammoth endeavor in the conduct of a comprehensive economic development study and the development of a correlative plan for implementation on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The conduct of the study and development of the plan are being pursued in conjunction with two related endeavors of the Tribes, to-wit: (1) the presentation to the United States Congress of the Tribes' claims and support of the recommendations made by the Garrison Unit Joint Tribal Advisory Committee in its Final Report and (2) the conduct of the Comprehensive Transportation Planning Study pursuant to a contract entered into between the Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The specific intent inherent in the pursuit of the implementation of a comprehensive economic development plan is to enhance the quality of life among and the economic and social welfare of the Tribal people

resident on the Fort Berthold Reservation by means of achieving some degree of resolution of existing problems, such as the high rate of unemployment, the relatively low per capita income, the unstable health and social condition, the inadequate housing, the insufficient educational achievement, and the relatively low general standard of living; and

WHEREAS, It is the considered judgment of the Tribal Business Council that such Reservation economic development endeavor is one of the most significant and crucial undertakings which the Three Affiliated Tribes have pursued and that all appropriate resources, monetary and human, either maintained by or potentially available to the Tribes should be directed toward and utilized in the conduct of the study on and the development of the plan for economic development; and

WHEREAS, It is clear that the appropriate resources currently maintained by the Tribes are inadequate, in both a qualitative and quantitative context, to achieve the degree of quality and comprehensiveness mandated by the significance of this economic development objective; and

WHEREAS, It is the position of the Tribal Business Council that the resources currently maintained by the Tribes could justifiably be supplemented with certain monetary resources and sources of technical expertise currently maintained by or potentially available to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and that, in accordance with and in the realization of the trust responsibility doctrine, the Bureau of Indian Affairs should assist the Tribes in their economic development effort by making available thereto such monetary and human resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby formally requests that the Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide assistance to the Tribes in the conduct of their economic development study and development of a correlative plan for implementation on the Fort Berthold Reservation through the provision to the Tribes of a reasonable appropriation and allocation of funds and the services of the Reservation Programs Officer of the Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Council and/or his designated representative(s) to commence negotiations with the appropriate official(s) of the Fort Berthold Agency for the purpose of

establishing the source and amount of Bureau funds to be made available to the Tribes and the nature and duration of the services of the Reservation Programs Officer to be performed on behalf of the Tribes.

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, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, 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 6 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 14th day of May, 1987.

[Signature]
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council