

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 an 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 public and private enterprises of the Tribes in accordance with the terms of the Corporate Charter issued to the Tribes by the Secretary of Interior; and
- WHEREAS, There currently exists an inordinate and devastating unemployment rate, which underlies the social and economic crisis situation existent on the Reservation, is documented by statistics reflecting the number of resident Tribal members and families currently receiving public welfare benefits, including General Assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and is a problem which will unlikely be ameliorated in the near future due to the forecast for the continuance of a sluggish, if not nonexistent, Reservation economy, and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes believes that one of the most essential elements in ameliorating the existing economic (and attendant social) problems on the Reservation is to improve and strengthen the Reservation Educational System; and
- WHEREAS, One component of the Reservation Educational System - namely the Fort Berthold Community College (a Tribal Chartered Institution) - has since 1973 coordinated its curriculum offerings, both directly economic related and general courses - with the economic development planning initiatives of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The current Fort Berthold Community College facilities are inadequate to meet the Three Affiliated Tribes long-term, economic development related higher education/vocational education/adult education needs that have been forecast; and
- WHEREAS, In view of the inadequacy of the referenced facilities, the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Fort Berthold Community College have considered building design, cost estimate, and financing alternatives for a new facility; and
- WHEREAS, The current design estimate is \$500,000 including the actual facility and site improvements; and
- WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Community College, in its inquiries with local and area lending institutions, has experienced these institutions reluctance to provide a direct loan to the College without some form of guarantee; and

WHEREAS, Research has revealed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under 25 CFR Part 103, makes available Loan Guarantees to eligible Tribes, Indian Organizations, and Individual Indians for financing economic enterprises which contribute beneficially to the economy of an Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Since the development of a College facility and improving the Reservation economy are high tribal priorities, the Tribal Business Council has determined that it would be proper for the Three Affiliated Tribes to construct and arrange for the financing of a Tribally-owned facility which would be leased to Fort Berthold Community College for economic and general educational instruction purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes is an eligible Tribal applicant under 25 CFR part 103; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes may negotiate with local and area lending institutions for the most advantageous loan package; and

WHEREAS, The Leasing Arrangement with the Fort Berthold Community College and subsequently, the repayment of the loan terms may be financed through the Fort Berthold Community Colleges annual allocation under the Three Affiliated Tribes Docket 350-G Judgement Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves the concept of constructing a Tribally Owned training Facility to be leased to the Fort Berthold Community College.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council Treasurer and Chairman is authorized to negotiate with area and local financial institutions to secure a loan for the facilities construction and site development costs

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council Treasurer and Chairman is authorized to make application for a loan guarantee through the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the regulations concerned in 25 CFR Part 103.

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 4 constitute a quorum 5 were present at a Special meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 23 day of June 1987; that the foregoing Resolution was opposed, 0 members abstained, 5 members passed, and that the said Resolution has not been amended or rescinded in any way.

Chairman (Not Voting) (Voting)

DATED THIS 23 DAY OF June 1987.

Acting Edwin Crow Breast
SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:
Edward Lou Egan
CHAIRMAN, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL