

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(j) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the property 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, The Fort Berthold Reservation is experiencing the grave problem of a Seventy Percent (70%) Rate Of Unemployment which precipitates stress, frustration, anxiety leading to a variety of domestic or social problems such as alcohol abuse, drug abuse, child abuse, spouse abuse, etc. (in some cases affecting multiple generations of the same family); and
- WHEREAS, Evidence of the problems stated above may be documented through the Three Affiliated Tribes Social Services Program's caseload statistics - 250 to 300 cases per month (depending on time of year) and up to \$1,000,000 per year in General Assistance, Tribal Work Experience Program expenditures,, and an average monthly Child Welfare caseload of 180+; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes has developed plans for, and subsequent proposals/draft legislation/contract applications for, ameliorating the conditions/problems that have been stated; and
- WHEREAS, Examples of these efforts include: requesting the establishment of the Secretary of Interior's Garrison Unit Joint Tribal Advisory Committee (JTAC) with the subsequent participation in its Hearing Schedule and publication of its Final Report, Draft JTAC Legislation development, testimony to the Senate Select Committee on Indian

Affairs, testimony to the House Select Committee on Hunger, Contract applications to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a Public Works Project (based on the utilization of G.A./TWEP recipients), presentations to the Federal Agencies concerning a multiple use concept for services delivery/recordkeeping/progress reporting, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Ross Swimmer has announced the availability of competitive funds for Employment Assistance Readiness Net (EARN) Initiative Demonstration Projects which will be funded in the form cooperative agreements; and

WHEREAS, The EARN Demonstration Project concept and principles reflect the need to develop reform measures for the Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance System, to discourage continued client dependency on assistance programs, to encourage self-sufficiency, to encourage job and economic/business development, to improve the coordination of services delivery, etc.; and

WHEREAS, As noted previously, the Three Affiliated Tribes have already previously initiated similar efforts which may be coordinated with or, in part, may be funded through the EARN Initiatives Demonstration Project funds; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs has issued instructions which describe application requirements, proposal content, procedures for requesting waivers of 25 CFR regulations, special conditions, etc.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes and directs the execution and submission of an Application for Financial Assistance in the form of a Cooperative Agreement under the Bureau of Indian Affairs' EARN Initiatives Demonstration Project competition process (FY 1988).


FURTHER RESOLVED, That the project period is authorized to commence on the date of award of the agreement and be implemented over the subsequent 36 months.

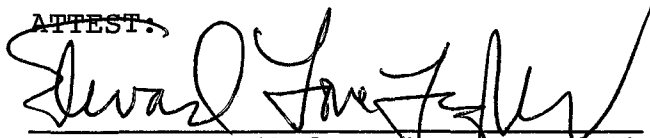
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council is authorized to sign and certify all of the Application's required Forms, waiver requests, documentation, special conditions, etc.

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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 15 day of September, 1987; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 15 day of September, 1987.


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tribal Business Council