

**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,** The current school bus routes which are maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs exclude individual homesite access roads; and
- WHEREAS,** The bus routes are bladed, graveled, and maintained in a manner which allows year-round utilization; and
- WHEREAS,** The findings of the Garrison Unit Joint Tribal Advisory Committee (JTAC) made numerous findings relating to the adverse impacts on the people of the Three Affiliated Tribes caused by the forced relocation of the tribal people from their ancestral reservation homes on the Missouri River bottomlands to new homes constructed on upland allotments and tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS,** Such adverse impacts include the loss of reasonable access between homesites and primary road systems and the loss of the natural protection of homesites from the meteorological elements previously afforded by trees and topography; and
- WHEREAS,** The findings of adversity in such impacts were based upon documentation, derived from a study conducted by the Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that two hundred and sixty-nine (269) off-highway/homesite access roads were in need of either rebuilding or new construction and upon evidence, presented through testimony and documentation that residents of the new homes situated in the unprotected uplands have been incurring exorbitant costs in home heating and personal vehicle maintenance and repair during the winter months and in homesite maintenance during the balance of the year; and
- WHEREAS,** The school districts serving the reservation are also incurring excessive school bus vehicle repair and maintenance costs due to the extremely poor conditions of the off-highway/access roads; and

WHEREAS, There currently exists throughout the Fort Berthold Reservation a dire need for substantial improvement of the access between Indian homes and the primary road system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes is requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide needed reshaping, gravel, and maintenance of the access roads.

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, 4 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 12 day of May, 1988; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 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 17 day of May, 1988.

[Signature]
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council