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, wildlife, and natural resources of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, It is common knowledge that a substantial portion of the continental United States has been experiencing drought conditions for a period of many months throughout the current year, including the State of North Dakota, the drought conditions in which have been characterized by various professionals as currently being "extreme;" and
- WHEREAS, For a period of in excess of one week, the National Weather Service has classified the entire western one-half of the State of North Dakota as being consistently in the "extreme fire danger" category; and
- WHEREAS, As a result of the drought being experienced throughout the State of North Dakota and in view of the ensuing 4th of July holiday, the State of North Dakota and nearly all of the political subdivisions of the State, including various counties in and around the Fort Berthold Reservation, have recently taken formal governmental action to impose varying bans on the use of fireworks, in an effort to protect and preserve the natural resources and property within North Dakota; and
- WHEREAS, It is the considered judgment of the Tribal Business Council that the extended drought conditions existent on the Fort Berthold Reservation necessitate and dictate a comparable governmental action by the Three Affiliated Tribes imposing a ban on the use of fireworks, with the intent of protecting and preserving the natural resources, wildlife, and property on the Reservation;

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes, pursuant to its constitutional power and authority, hereby formally declares that, until further official notice, there shall be forthwith imposed a total ban on the use of all types of fireworks, with the exception of community-sponsored public displays thereof, within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. That any person adjudged to have violated the ban imposed hereby shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and shall be sentenced to make payment of a fine in the maximum amount of Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$50.00).

CERTIFICATION

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, 5 were present at a second Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 27th day of 1988; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 members, 1 members opposed, 6 members abstained, 6 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 27 day of Lune, 1988.

Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTÊST:

Chairman, Tribal Business Council