RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN 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 health, welfare, and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(d), of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments on behalf of the Tribes, and to advise and consult with the representatives of the Interior Department that may affect the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The State of North Dakota has agreed to negotiate formally with the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, on the water rights appurtenant to the Three Affiliated Tribes and the State of North Dakota; and
- WHEREAS, The Legal Department has advised the Tribal Business Council that there is \$25,000.00 available for fiscal year 1989 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Tribal coordination of the water rights negotiation effort; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recognizes that this coordination endeavor is integral to the process of water rights negotiation and the Three Affiliated Tribes' best interests in the identification and quantification of their water rights.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby:
 - 1. Requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide a Public Law 93-638 grant to the Three Affiliated Tribes in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of coordinating the Tribal/State water negotiations effort; and
 - 2. Directs the Legal Department to submit the appropriate documentation necessary to support this request; and
 - 3. Authorizes the Tribal Chairman to execute, on behalf of the Tribal Business Council, all the formal documents necessary to complete this request.

CERTIFICATION

I the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitutes a quorum, were present at a Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the Meeting, day of the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (not voting).

Dated this 22 nd day of September, 1988.

Ted Lone Fight III
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Edward Lone Fight

Chairman, Tribal Business Council