

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 have the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Indian Reservation consists of approximately 450,000 acres of trust land belonging to the Three Affiliated Tribes and it's membership; and
- WHEREAS, These lands have traditionally provided an economic base for an agricultural industry that many tribal members utilize to sustain their livelihood; and
- WHEREAS, During the last two (2) decades the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has been the primary lending source utilized by individual Indians to finance their agricultural enterprises; and
- WHEREAS, During the past two (2) decades the agricultural industry has experienced a farm crisis aggravated by questionable farm credit practices on the part of (FmHA) making large, poorly planned loans with too high of interest rates; amortized over too short of periods of time, for the purpose of bailing out large banks and other credit entities, and failed to service those loans adequately,
- WHEREAS, The Aberdeen area director realizing the problem with using trust land as collateral for the above mentioned loans, formed a task force to review credit relative to trust lands being used as securities for these loans. As a result of this study 80,000 plus acres were used to secure over \$12 million and literally 100% of these loans are facing acceleration due to the improper procedure the loans were put together compounded by the lack of service of these loans; and
- WHEREAS, The uncooperative attitude of the (FmHA) county supervisor in New Town, ND. demonstrated by his failure to carry out the mandates of the Agricultural Farm Credit Act of 1987 by:
- A. Not allowing proper election of the (FmHA) board.
 - B. Sending out (75) packets of which only (31) were returned and of the (31), (16) were refused because of technicalities.
 - C. Failure to exercise adequate technical assistance and failure to have an open line of communication with the borrowers in need; and

WHEREAS, Subsection (e) of s 1918d of the 1987 Farm Credit Act provides as follows: In considering a borrower for loan service program the secretary shall place the highest priority on the preservation of the borrower's farming operations; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the (FmHA) county supervisors attitude and actions toward Indian operators, most of the 80,000 plus acres of trust land will be directed towards acceleration and 90% of Fort Berthold's operators will face continuous delays in their agricultural enterprises or be put out of business which will devastate the Agricultural Industry of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, For the reasons stated above, the Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council demand the immediate removal of Lorace Hakansen as county supervisor of (FmHA) New Town, ND.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Chairman will meet with the appropriate officials to accomplish Mr. Lorace Hakansen's removal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Three Affiliated Tribes, Tribal Business Council request the vacancy created by Lorace Hakansen's removal to be filled by David Hillerin, should circumstances arise preventing David Hillerin from becoming the FmHA county supervisor in New Town, ND, the Tribal Business Council requests input in the selection of the FmHA county supervisor in New Town, ND.

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 seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum. 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 23rd day of March, 1989; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (Voting) (Not voting)

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1989.

Acting Chairman
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council