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 Three Affiliated Tribes is concerned with the current threat of foreclosure on individual trust land mortgages currently held by federal lenders and desires to protect its members affected by those mortgages from potentially unlawful foreclosure; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes is aware of current efforts by the Northern Plains Indian Land & Livestock Association to protect the legal rights of the various tribal land owners in the Northern Plains area with respect to preventing unlawful foreclosure on mortgaged trust lands; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes is concerned with the charges raised against the federal government, particularly that many of these mortgages were initially approved to secure improvident loans, thereby placing the trust lands in danger of alienation.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes, as part of its government-to-government relationship with the United States, hereby respectfully requests that the United States, acting through the Farmers Home Administration and other federal lenders holding trust land mortgages defer further foreclosure action on said trust land mortgages pending the investigation of legal claims arising out of the alleged breach of trust by the United States government in the approval of these various trust land mortgages, and the circumstances under which the loans secured by trust land mortgages were serviced.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of 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 constitutes a quorum, ______ were present at a Special Meeting, thereof, duly called, notice, convened, and held on the 20th day of April 1989; that 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.

Resolution No. 89-97-TL

Chairman ((voting) (not voting)

Dated this 20th day of April, 1989

ATTEST: