

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 welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes exists as a sovereign nation, with the power of self-government over both its members and its territory; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council is concerned with protecting the health and welfare of its members, as well as promoting economic development and self-sufficiency on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recognizes that agriculture is an important aspect of the reservation economy, and that the Tribal members engaged in agriculture face severe hardship and distress due to the recent farm crisis; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council is concerned with the current problems faced by many of its members with respect to trust land mortgages from improvident alienation through foreclosure and to hold the federal trustee accountable for any breach of fiduciary duty committed in the approval of said trust land mortgages; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council is aware of the efforts of the American Indian Agricultural Defense Fund, Inc. to provide its resources to represent the Tribe and its affected members in appropriate legal proceedings, in order to hold the federal trustee accountable for failing foreclosure through the approval of improvident mortgages; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council desires to retain the American Indian Agricultural Defense Fund, Inc., to represent the Tribe and its affected members in the above referenced legal proceedings.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and requests the American Indian Agricultural Defense Fund, Inc., to solicit appropriate funding to provide the above referenced legal services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That when appropriate funding is obtained, the Tribal Business Council hereby requests and authorizes the American Indian Agricultural Defense Fund, Inc., to represent the Tribe and its consenting members in appropriate legal proceedings related to its members' mortgaged trust lands and the federal trust responsibility.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and directs its Chairman to sign any and all appropriate documents necessary to implement this resolution.

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 Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 10th day of August, 1989; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (not voting)

Dated this 10th day of August, 1989.

[Signature]  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council