

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 IV, Section 5 (d), of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to negotiate with the Federal and State governments on behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes; 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 Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, located within the boundaries of the State of North Dakota; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes wishes to continue exercising its jurisdiction over the management of fish, wildlife and recreation resources within the reservation boundaries by developing new and/or expanding upon existing professional management capabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes has learned, through communication with the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS), of the existence of Federal fish, wildlife and recreation enhancement funding opportunities through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration Program (Dingell-Johnson/Pittman-Robertson/Wallop-Breaux), the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the Land and Water Conservation Act programs, et al, and further understands that these programs currently are not available for Tribal management of fish, wildlife and recreation resources which we find to be inequitable and discriminatory; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes wishes to exercise the government-to-government relationship that is currently Administrative Policy as defined under provisions of the P.L. 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Governments hold legal title to over 90 million acres of land throughout the United States, providing millions of man days of religious, subsistence, recreational, and commercial activities to Indian and non-Indian citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes, with technical assistance provided through the Tribal Game and Fish Division and the Natural Resources Department and the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, has developed a management project that will enhance the wildlife populations of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and the recreational and subsistence uses by the reservation residents and visitors; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby requests that funding be made available to the Tribal Government to conduct a Wetlands construction/enhancement activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes Request that an equitable mechanism be established to distribute funds to Tribal Governments for the participation as CO-MANAGERS of nation's resources in all federal fish, wildlife and recreation enhancement programs, especially the Dingell-Johnson/Pittman-Robertson/Wallop-Breaux, North American Wetlands Conservation Act, Land And Water Conservation Act, etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes supports the Native American Fish and wildlife Society in its efforts to provide Technical Services to Tribal Governments in the development of these sound, professional fish, wildlife and recreation management initiatives.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the under signed, 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 constitutes a Quorum, 5 were present at a Special Meeting thereof, duly called, noticed. Convened and held on the 23rd Day of February, 1990, that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the Affirmative Vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 abstention, 0 passed, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (not voting).

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1990.

(Acting) Jim M. Mossett
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Edward Lou Fife
Chairman, Tribal Business Council