

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 members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, The National Council of State Human Service Administrators (NCSHSA) recognizes the critical role that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has played in providing assistance to millions of households in meeting their energy needs; and
- WHEREAS, LIHEAP is a needs-based income supplement program serving only very needy households, of which over 50% percent have annual income under \$6,000; and
- WHEREAS, LIHEAP funds helped to pay the heating and cooling bills and provided emergency energy assistance to those in urgent life-threatening situations for approximately 6.1 million households in FY 89.
- WHEREAS, the average LIHEAP-eligible household spends about 13 percent of its income on energy, nearly four times that paid by middle income households, and the real income of poor families has not risen as fast as inflation, thus causing a dramatic drop in their buying power; and
- WHEREAS, the program has suffered a 32 percent cut since FY 86 (from \$2.01 billion to \$1.39 billion in FY 1990) despite the obvious need to increase energy payment assistance, and those cuts eliminated more than 800,000 poor households from the program while LIHEAP benefits were also reduced; and
- WHEREAS, the administration's budget for FY 91 proposes deep cuts in LIHEAP, seeking funding of \$1.05 billion, \$343 million less than FY 90 appropriation and \$399 million less than the \$1.499 billion needed to maintain current services; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council, Three Affiliated Tribes hereby requests the National Council of State Human Service Administrators reaffirms its support for LIHEAP and strongly encourages Congress to reauthorize the program; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal business Council, Three Affiliated Tribes hereby requests the National Council of State Human Service Administrators urges Congress to

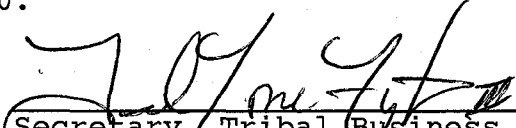
provide funds for LIHEAP of at least \$1.449 billion for FY 91 sufficient to maintain current service levels.

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 7 members of whom 5 constitutes a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 17th day of April, 1990; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolutions has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (not voting)

Dated this 17th day of April, 1990.



(Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Chairman, Tribal Business Council