

**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,** Congress is now considering major changes in Senate Bill 143 to establish the Indian Development Finance Corporation; and
- WHEREAS,** The most significant change is the deletion of the Corporation's capitalization section (i.e. funds to operate the Corporation's lending program) and to substitute, in its place, the powers and funding authority now under the Indian Finance Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indian Finance Act includes direct loans, loan guarantees, and the loan-grant/equity programs now administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and
- WHEREAS,** These important programs are now administered through the Aberdeen Area Office and the Fort Berthold Agency Office directly to our enrolled tribal membership; and
- WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Indian Affairs has administered these programs in such a manner than many tribal enrolled members have applied, been evaluated, funded and now are successful businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** There is every indication that the proposed new corporation will not be easily accessible to enrolled members seeking to start-up or expand a business on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** It makes little sense to trade the Bureau of Indian Affairs' administration of the Indian Finance Act, which has worked reasonably well for the loan guarantee and loan-grant program, for an unknown and untried organization with its main operations based on the west or east coast and which, by this very limitation, be unaccessible to Three Affiliated Tribes businesses or new ventures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby goes on record to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 143 as detrimental to the future of economic development on Fort Berthold.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Business Council be authorized and instructed to sign this resolution for and on behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

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 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 11th day of June, 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 Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 11th day of June, 1990.

Adrij Jim McNeese
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Edward Lone Fjell
Chairman, Tribal Business Council