

**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,** Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council and Educators from School Districts within the Ft. Berthold Reservation have met with Bureau of Indian Affairs staff at the Central Office/Office Of Indian Education Programs and Area Office levels concerning major Indian Education issues; and
- WHEREAS,** One of the more critical issues concerning the Tribal Business Council is the potential reorganization of the Office of Indian Education Programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Any discussion of Office of Indian Education Programs reorganization must (starting in the preliminary stages and being carried through the balance of the process) involve the Congress, Tribes, Indian School Boards, and National Indian Organizations such as the National Indian Education Association and the National Congress of American Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** The basis for the current BIA Office Of Indian Education Programs structure was Public Law 95-561 which was conceived and implemented with extensive involvement by Tribes, educators, and Indian Organizations through a system of tasks forces providing both development and input into the language of the Act and resultant regulations; and
- WHEREAS,** This massive involvement of a cross section of the Indian community in Indian Education and its products will be lost if the Bureau of Indian Affairs follows its questionable current "Consultation Process" with respect to the reorganization of the BIA Office Of Indian Education Programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby opposes any reorganization of the Office of Indian Education Programs without the implementation of an acceptable process for ensuring the input of all affected parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council opposes any transfer of authority from the Bureau Of Indian Affairs to the States. All authority must remain within the Bureau or be delegated to Tribal Governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any reorganization or changes in regulations shall include, at least, the passage of higher standards for academic achievement, student attendance, teacher training and certification, etc.

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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 20th day of September, 1990; 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.

Dated the 20th day of September, 1990.

[Signature]
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council