

**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 all residents of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation authorizes Tribal Court to exercise civil jurisdiction over all parties within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation. The Constitution states: Article I - Jurisdiction "The jurisdiction of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation shall extend to **all** parties and all lands, including lands held in fee, within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold as defined by the Act of March 3, 1891, (26 Stat. 1032) to all lands added to the Fort Berthold Reservation by Executive Order of June 17, 1892; and to such other persons and lands as may hereafter come within the jurisdiction of the Three Affiliated Tribes, except as otherwise provided by law."

WHEREAS, The scope of the Tribe's civil jurisdiction is at issue before the Northern Plains Intertribal Court Appeals.

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Three Affiliated Tribes through the Tribal Court to assert jurisdiction to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the jurisdictional statement of the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Code and the Constitution and laws of the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the Legal Department to submit an amicus curiae to the Northern Plains Intertribal Court of Appeals asserting the Tribes jurisdiction to the fullest extent allowed pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Constitution and laws of the United States.

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 4 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 29th day of November, 1991; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 29th day of November 1991.

John J. Rabbithead Jr.
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Walter D. Welheim
Chairman, Tribal Business Council