

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, Alcohol is among the most critical problems facing Indian Country today; and
- WHEREAS, Indian mortality from alcohol related illness, such as liver disease, as well as from alcohol related accidents, is far above levels of others in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Tribes must take all positive steps available to bring an end to the alcohol abuse which is killing our people and threatening the future of our Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, In 1986, Congress passed the Omnibus Drug Act, Public Law 99-570, which provides a number of programs to address this problem; and
- WHEREAS, The Omnibus Drug Act authorizes the establishment in each area of a Youth Treatment Center to provide an appropriate setting to provide residential treatment for Indian youth who have drug or alcohol related problems; and
- WHEREAS, The Aberdeen Area Tribes - through the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmens Health Board - on June 30, 1988, agreed that the site for the Aberdeen Area Youth Treatment Center would be the Chief Gall Inn, a former Motel Complex located near Wakpala, South Dakota; and
- WHEREAS, This commitment was reaffirmed by the Tribes by resolution of the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmens Health Board on July 26, 1989; and
- WHEREAS, Despite this Tribal consensus, the Indian Health Service has continued to delay the project, providing an endless number of excuses, but never moving the project forward; and
- WHEREAS, The result of this Indian Health Service delay is that our youth are not being properly served; and
- WHEREAS, The Bush Administration has proposed no new construction funds for the FY-1993 budget for the Chief Gall Inn project, and has proposed to delete language in the FY-1992 Appropriations Act which would authorize the necessary transfer of the buildings from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribes to Indian Health Service; and
- WHEREAS, Indian Health Service has demonstrated that it is unwilling and unable to move ahead in a timely fashion with the Chief Gall Inn project; and

WHEREAS, Indian Health Service's mishandling of this matter has hurt all the Tribes in the Aberdeen Area, which desperately need the services the Youth Treatment Center will provide; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to move this project ahead for the benefit of all Aberdeen Area Tribes, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe proposes to submit an application to enter into a "638 contract for the architectural and design portion of the Chief Gall Inn project; and

WHEREAS, The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe proposes to add construction funds when additional appropriations are approved for renovation of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, For the Youth Treatment Center to become a reality, the Aberdeen Area Tribes must be united in their efforts; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves and supports the application of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to contract for the architectural and design portion of the Chief Gall Inn Youth Treatment Center project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes approves and supports the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to add construction funds when additional appropriations are approved for renovation of the facilities.

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 seven members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8th day of September, 1992; 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 8th day of September, 1992.

John J. Rabbithead Jr  
Three Affiliated Tribes  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

William O. Wilson  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes