

RESOLUTION NO. 93-71-JJR

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BILL ENTITLED THE AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

**WHEREAS**, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act;

**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 best interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members;

**WHEREAS**, the cultural and spiritual survival of Native American people is closely tied to the continuation, preservation and well-being of our tribal traditions;

**WHEREAS**, the right to worship is a fundamental human right that most Americans take for granted; and

**WHEREAS**, in Lyng v. Northwest Indian Cemetery Protective Association, and in Employment division, Dept. of Human Resources v. Smith the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment does not protect traditional Native American sacred sites from destruction (Lyng), or the peyote religion of the Native American Church (Smith); and,

**WHEREAS**, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act has not prevented the Federal government from unnecessarily engaging in activities which impair or disturb Native American religious practice on federal lands;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Three Affiliated Tribes urge Senators Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan to co-sponsor and support the legislation that will protect Native American religions and basic religious freedom, introduced by Senator Inouye.

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, convene, and held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1993; 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vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1993.

John J. Rabbithead Jr  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

William O. Wilkins  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council