

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION**

**Opposing Congressional Recision of Indian Housing
and Community Development Funds and
The Elimination and Destruction of the U.S. Department of HUD**

- WHEREAS, there is deplorable and substandard housing on our reservation as elsewhere in Indian Country and the need for new housing at all income levels is overwhelming, and
- WHEREAS, we and other tribes have established Indian housing authorities to address low and moderate income housing needs and we have had considerable success in recent years in improving those programs, and
- WHEREAS, federal assistance is needed to address our housing needs because of low incomes, lack of economic development, and federal land and Indian policies, and
- WHEREAS, just as our unique and critical housing needs are being addressed by the federal government under a vastly improved U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Native American Housing Program legislative proposals are now being made that both have no basis in their application to reservations and will destroy our current and future means to address our housing conditions, and
- WHEREAS, our tribe and others have come to rely on HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) funds and that program's current minimal funding levels to assist in our development of infrastructure and economic development activities, and
- WHEREAS, Senate Bill 435, Department of Housing, and Urban Development Elimination Act of 1995, has been introduced to convert and eliminate HUD and HUD programs to Indian programs, and
- WHEREAS, a House Appropriations subcommittee has also passed a \$7 billion dollar HUD recision bill that mandates the recapturing of funds already appropriate for this year, and if enacted and applied to Indian tribes it will cripple our housing and community development efforts, and

WHEREAS, these latest bills fail to recognize both (1) the importance of HUD and HUD Programs to Indian tribes and (2) the need for federal programs and reform efforts to address unique Indian needs in housing and community legislation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we stand firm in our opposition to both Senate Bill 735 and any rescission of FY 95 HUD funds, and

FURTHERMORE, we oppose all legislation that would eliminate or dismantle HUD, and

FURTHERMORE, we call upon Congress to not alter, change or eliminate any federal Indian housing and community development programs without first taking into account (1) unique Indian needs and conditions, (2) the United States governments special obligations to native people and (3) the need for consultation and involvement of tribal governments and their housing authorities.

CERTIFICATION

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 constitutes a quorum, 7 were present at a Special meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 15th day of March, 1995; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members. 0 opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1995.

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SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST



CHAIRMAN, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL