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, The Chairman of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes was verbally attacked and physically assaulted in a tribally-owned facility situated on property held in trust for the Tribe by the United States; and
- WHEREAS, The verbal and physical assaults upon Russell D. Mason, Sr., occurred as a direct result of his official capacity as Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The assault upon the Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes was a premeditated act in flagrant disregard for the Constitution of this Nation and in clear violation of Tribal Codes and Federal statutes; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council is fully aware of the need for legal representation for the Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes to deter acts of violence against such an official; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council, recognizing the importance of and respect due the position of Chairman held by Russell D. Mason, Sr., wishes to adopt this Resolution authorizing the retention of an attorney and the payment of any and all attorney's fees and expenses that may be required throughout the legal process, including any appeal;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes Russell D. Mason, Sr., Chairman, to retain an attorney to represent him in all matters pertaining to the verbal attack and physical assault suffered by him as a direct result of his official capacity; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council authorizes payment of any and all attorney's fees and expenses that may be required throughout the legal process including any appeal.

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 constitute a quorum, were present at a Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the day of, 1995; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of members, members opposed, members abstained, not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. Dated this day of, 1995.
Dated this <u>/a</u> day of <u>CCrober</u> , 1995.
acting Secretary, Tribal Business Council
ATTEST:

Chairman, Tribal Business Council