

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

**A RESOLUTION ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SUPPORT THE
1999 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES HOST SITE BID - TEAM NORTH
DAKOTA - FARGO-MOORHEAD."**

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 interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof;

WHEREAS, The North American Indigenous Games has evolved into an athletic and cultural event hosted every two years alternately in Canada and the United States of America. Established in 1987 the games have taken place in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 1990, Prince Albert, British Columbia, Canada, 1993, and Blaine, Minnesota, U.S.A., 1995; and

WHEREAS, The Indigenous Peoples of North Dakota were represented at the 1995 North American Indigenous Games by the organization known as Team North Dakota, with Three Affiliated Tribes enrolled members serving as Team ND committee members, chaperons, coaches, officials, and participants; and

WHEREAS, Team North Dakota exists through a cooperative effort with the other Tribes of North Dakota: Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Fort Totten Devils Lake Sioux, and Standing Rock Sioux; and

WHEREAS, Team North Dakota and the City of Fargo-Moorhead are submitting a bid to the North American Indigenous Games Council-Site Selection Committee for the purpose of designating the City of Fargo-Moorhead as the host/site for the 1999 North American Indigenous Games, which will serve as a showcase for the culture, talents, morality, and athletic abilities of the North Dakota Indigenous Peoples;



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In Reply Refer To:

January 11, 1996

1999 North American Indigenous Games

Site Selection Committee

Dear Selection Committee:

Greetings! Please allow me to introduce myself, I am Russell "Bud" Mason, Chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, or more commonly known as the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. I am pleased to hear that the North Dakota City of Fargo-Moorhead is being considered as the host site for the 1999 North American Indigenous Games.

NAIG Team North Dakota and the Fargo-Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau has the support of the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council in their pursuit of hosting the 1999 North American Indigenous Games. We are proud, honored, and hopeful that the Indigenous People of North Dakota may have the opportunity to host such an event. The Games will allow the Indigenous People of North Dakota to showcase our culture, customs, and numerous talented people.

I am well aware of Team ND's organizational skills as demonstrated with their successful formation of Team ND for the most recent Games('95), held in Blaine, MN. Team ND was the first such team to represent North Dakota Indigenous Peoples at the Games. Team ND consisted of athletes from all four of the reservations within North Dakota, which was a major accomplishment within itself. Team ND was able to raise enough funds to transport and sponsor 202 athletes at the '95 Games. I understand that Team ND had the most participants of any U.S. state other than Minnesota, who were the host state.

This letter serves as my declaration of support for North Dakota's efforts in hosting the 1999 North American Indigenous Games. I am positive that Team ND would do an excellent job if given the opportunity to host such an exciting event.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Russell "Bud" Mason, Sr.

Tribal Business Council Chairman.

Three Affiliated Tribes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes approves of and supports the efforts of Team North Dakota and the City of Fargo-Moorhead in their pursuit of hosting the 1999 North American Indigenous Games and will appropriate funds towards the realization of their goals upon request of committee, with funding being based upon availability of Tribal resources.

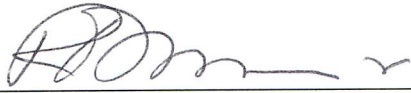
CERTIFICATION

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 seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 11th day of January, 1996; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the Affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 11th day of January, 1996.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council