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05-10-96; R#96-95-05B

Resolution #96-87-DSB

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 Tribes have asserted their sovereign right to conduct casino-style gaming within reservation boundaries pursuant to a Tribal-state Gaming Compact between the State of North Dakota and the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal gaming enterprise which the Tribes own continues to be a profitable enterprise which provides for programs which assist the members of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** There is now proposed, and placed on the June 8, 1996 North Dakota primary ballot, an amendment to the North Dakota Constitution which would allow up to 25 video lottery machines, very similar to slot machines in the Tribal casinos, to be placed in every bar in North Dakota; and
- WHEREAS,** The above Constitutional Amendment, if passed by the people of North Dakota, would pose a serious threat to the continued profitability of the Indian owned casinos in North Dakota by taking customers away from the Tribal casinos;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby states its opposition to Measure 5 on the June 8, 1996 North Dakota primary, which would amend the North Dakota Constitution to allow slot machine-like gaming devices in every bar in North Dakota; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council further authorizes the two representatives of the Three Affiliated Tribes to the North Dakota Indian Gaming Association (NDIGA) to participate in the efforts of NDIGA to defeat Measure 5 and promote Indian gaming at the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and further authorizes no more than \$2,500 to be spent in support of the effort to defeat Measure 5, the exact amount to be

left to the discretion of the Treasurer of the Tribal Business Council.

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, 5 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 25th day of April, 1996; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1996.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Chairman, Tribal Business Council