

**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 Three Affiliated Tribes has asserted its 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 Three Affiliated Tribes owns continues to be a profitable enterprise which provides for programs which assist the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** There is now proposed, and placed on the June 11, 1996 North Dakota primary ballot, an amendment to the North Dakota Constitution known as Measure #5 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; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council has previously passed Resolution No. 96-87-DSB authorizing up to \$2,500 of Tribal funds to be used by the Tribe to combat Measure #5; and
- WHEREAS,** The Bruce H. Lien Co., which manages the Four Bears Lodge and Casino, owned by the Tribe and shares in its revenues, will also be severely impacted if Measure #5 were to pass; and
- WHEREAS,** The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has already authorized its Management Company, Seven Circle Resorts, to spend \$50,000 in a campaign in opposition to Measure #5, which is being treated as an operating expense of the Prairie

Knights Casino; and

WHEREAS, The Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa are all contributing various amounts to the North Dakota Indian Gaming Association (NDIGA) to fund a unified campaign against Measure #5; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that the proponents of Measure #5 will be spending more than \$200,000 to support Measure #5, and recent polls suggest that the vote will be close concerning passage of the measure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby resolves and requests that the Bruce H. Lien Co. provide \$12,500 to the North Dakota Indian Gaming Association to assist in the unified campaign against Measure #5, to be treated as an expense of the Casino, with the \$12,500 to be treated as an operational expense of the Casino; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That should the Tribe be unable, for any reason, to secure the necessary funds for this campaign from Bruce H. Lien Co. and the Four Bears Lodge and Casino, the Tribal Business Council further authorizes, notwithstanding Resolution #96-87-DSB, a total of \$7,500 to be provided to the NDIGA to be used solely for the campaign against Measure #5.

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, convened, and held on the 10th day of May, 1996; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 10th day of May, 1996.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council