

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

- WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes Comprehensive Five Year Tribal Community Plan documented the need to improve the investigation, prosecution and handling of cases of child sexual abuse and serious child physical abuse in a manner that increases support for and reduces trauma to child victims; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes was awarded a grant through the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Victims of Crimes (OVC) Children's Justice Act Grant Program to assist the Tribe in improving the investigation, prosecution and handling of child sexual abuse and child physical abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes' grant application involves the Fort Berthold District to serve as Contractor to oversee the grant which was based, in part, on the qualifications of the current Judicial Resources Manager for the District Court; and
- WHEREAS,** The Judicial Resources Manager is resigning from her position and, thus, there will be no full time Judge to oversee and administer the grant as Contractor; and
- WHEREAS,** It will be overly burdensome to require the present staff of the District Court to administer the grant given the overwhelming caseload and current under-staffing of the Court, that said existing staff routinely works overtime to keep up with just the daily court activity; and
- WHEREAS,** The District Court contacted Ms. Cathy Sanders from the U.S. Dept. of Justice who oversees the grant award to the Three Affiliated Tribes about having the District Court removed from the grant as the Contractor; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Cathy Sanders indicated that removing the District Court as the Contractor will be no problem whatsoever, that a short letter or memo from the Three Affiliated Tribes will be sufficient indicating the change of the Contractor; including attachment of the Resolution indicating said change; and

**WHEREAS,** The District Court recommends that the Department of Social Services serve as the Contractor to oversee and administer the grant award since the grant involves child sexual and physical abuse, and the development of protocols with existing agencies; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the release of the District Court from serving as the Contractor in the oversight and administration of the grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Department of SOCIAL SERVICES to serve as the Contractor to oversee and administer the grant award from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Children's Justice Act Grant Program, and that such tribal agency shall write a short letter or memo indicating the proposed change to Ms. Cathy Sanders, including the attachment of this Resolution.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1996; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members; opposed, 0 members; abstained, 0 members; and 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman: (V~~o~~ting) (Not Voting)

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1996.

Daylon Spotted Bear  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

**ATTEST:**

  
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Chairman, Tribal Business Council