

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 and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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 tribal members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes grants to the Tribal Business Council all necessary Sovereign Authority, both legislative and Judicial, for the purposes of exercising the jurisdiction granted by the people in Article I of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The new National Legislation, "The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996", was signed into law, August 22, 1996; and

WHEREAS, There has been no analysis of how the provisions of the law will impact Indian families of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the tribe formally establish a Welfare Reform Work Group who on behalf of the Tribe and its membership will facilitate: (A) Consultation with H.H.S., Health and Human Services on the new Welfare Reform Legislation; (B) Develop a Tribal plan of action to maximize opportunities and minimize negative impacts of said law; and (C) Provide analysis of results to Tribe for Tribal Council decisions. Further be it resolved, that the Tribal Work Group consist of: Leo Cummings, TAT Employment Training Department Administrator; Janet Gunderson, TAT Social Services Administrator; Bonnie Morin, TAT Tribal Finance; Pat Wilkinson, TAT Planner; and other Tribal designee.

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF WELFARE REFORM
SEPTEMBER 12, 1996

On August 22, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

TRIBAL SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

- A. Tribal option to administer Welfare Program, the bill authorizes Tribes to apply to HHS to receive funds and administer the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF).
- B. Continuation of current Tribal JOBS Program at FY 94 level to 2002.
- C. Continued funding of Child Care Development Block Grant Program (CCDBG) with HHS Secretary determination of funding of 1% minimum or 2% maximum yearly. Secretary will fund FY 97 at 2%, which will increase TAT CCDBG Program approximately by 100%. This percentage of funding will in turn expand services to population currently served under the state's guarantee.

TANF/TRIBALLY ADMINISTERED

*Welfare will no longer be an entitlement and bill places life-time limitations of 5 years assistance under this program.

*Work requirements will be in force to remain eligible for assistance.

*Direct funding to Tribes based on Federal monies and does not include state required match of 75/25 approximately.

*Bill contains stringent data collection and reporting requirements.

*Effective date of TANF is July 1, 1997.

JOBS

- *JOBS Programs guarantee funding until the year 2002.
- *State JOBS Program repealed and within State TANF Program.
- *Tribal JOBS Program regulations have to be rewritten.

CCDBG

*CCDBG funded from 2 different sources, discretionary and mandatory.

*This year Tribe's funding will increase 100%, approximately \$70,000 to \$140,000.

*No state guarantee of AFDC Child Care as of October 1, 1996.

*Renovation and construction costs.

Alot of questions are still unanswered on this Welfare Reform; thus, the importance of Tribe's need for involvement in this new law from the onset. We need the law to be interpreted to the maximum benefit to the Tribe and in turn work with law to provide quality services to the people to minimize negative impact.

Resolution # 96-183-DSB

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 Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 12th day of September, 1996; that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 12th day of September, 1996.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Elm Hall
Vice Chairman, Tribal Business Council