## 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 of the enrolled members therefore; and
- **WHEREAS,** Nearly 200 years ago, the Lewis and Clark Expedition traveled to the west to explore and visit the native peoples in 1804 1806; and
- **WHEREAS,** President Jefferson directed the Expedition leaders to meet and discourse with the native peoples of the Missouri; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara were found to be living in permanent villages along the Missouri River; and
- **WHEREAS,** Lewis and Clark and their expedition, because of the hospitality and welcome of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara, built Fort Mandan near the Indian villages and stayed the winter of 1804-1805 near the Knife River Villages; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes Museum has been designated by the National Park Service as a certified site on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail; and
- **WHEREAS,** The United States is already in the process of planning for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial to be held in the year 2004 through 2006; and
- whereas, The Three Affiliated Tribes need to begin to develop plans to commemorate this becentennial event and a Fort Berthold Lewis and Clark Bicentennial committee has been formed by the Three Tribes Museum and the Fort Berthold Community College for this purpose; this 5-member committee presently consists of Calvin Grinnell, Marilyn Hudson, Phyllis Cross, Tillie Walker, and Celeste Witham; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby recognizes the Fort Berthold Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee as the official representative to develop plans for this event.

## CERTIFICATION

Dated this 22 day of November, 1996.

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ATTEST:

Chairman, Tribal Business Council