

**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;
- WHEREAS,** During the 1996 growing season, ranchers and farmers who permit or lease Tribal Lands on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation have suffered losses of crops and forage, including those used to produce hay; and
- WHEREAS,** The economic distress of the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes has been increased by a combination of; hail, a cooler than normal spring which significantly reduced forage production, grasshopper infestation, early winter storms with abundant snow, and early winter extreme cold temperature. These conditions caused low weaning weights and forced operators into feeding livestock earlier than normal. This will deplete feed supplies, and force livestock onto range prematurely; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the policy of the Government to conserve and improve natural and renewable resources such as soil, forage, fish and wildlife in a manner so they contribute to the continued livelihood of the people and the subsistence of many Indian people depends upon the livestock use of range forage; and
- WHEREAS,** A combination of factors has occurred during the past eight months which has caused a financial hardship for farmers and ranchers who will fail and go out of business without substantial assistance from local, Tribal, and Federal Government; and
- WHEREAS,** The President of the United States has declared a National Livestock Economic Emergency thereby allowing the haying of land under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) which does not significantly benefit the Reservation since very little land on the Reservation is enrolled under the CRP, or additional equal assistance.

AMENDED

01-13-97. Same Reso #.
Changes made in 4 & 5.
(msb)

WHEREAS, That in order to help conserve our limited Natural Resources according to Resolution #96-243-DSB has declared the following counties within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation as disaster areas: Mercer, Mountrail, McLean, McKenzie, and Dunn Counties; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council establishes the Emergency Feed Loan Program. The TAT Emergency Feed Loan Program is here by established to expedite delivery of needed hay and grain to needy enrolled TAT Ranchers whom do not posses ample levels of livestock feed to maintain their foundation herds. The funding sources identified will be Docket 350-G for Business Development or as more funds become available. The TAT Emergency Feed Loan Program will establish funding to carry out the implementation of this program for 1996-1997 critical winter season.

Articles of the EFLP (Emergency Feed Loan Program)

1. Eligible participants shall be:
 - a. Enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, who are in need of Winter Livestock feed for the 1996-1997 winter season.
 - b. Participants with non- delinquent Tribal loans shall be 1st priority, participants with delinquent Tribal loans shall be second priority. (see item 5)
 - c. Applicant's sole income is from their cattle operations and will be prioritized lower if family has second income.
2. Eligible Livestock shall be cattle (and horses if primary source of income) 100% owned by eligible participants and branded with the participants registered brand. Compliance checks will be done by tribal staff prior to loan approval.
3. The participants will receive interest free feed loan. The feed loan repayment period will encompass a two-year period. First payment due Dec. 1, 1997 with final payment payable Dec. 1, 1998. If another disaster occurs within one year, another year's extension may be added by approval by the Tribal Business Council.
4. Participants must sign a promissory note and a trust income assignment and/or a voluntary wage assignment and any other tribal security documents necessary.
5. TAT enrolled ranch member's in the EFLP must be able to prove their own Indian ownership. Eligibility payment will be \$50.00 per head for qualifying participants with no delinquent Tribal loans, with a maximum loan amount of \$2500.00. Participants with delinquent Tribal loans shall receive \$25.00 per head with a maximum loan of \$1500.00. Upon securing more funding the Tribe will offer another \$2500.00 to participants with non delinquent Tribal loans and another \$1500.00 to participants with delinquent Tribal loans. The same dollar amounts as stated above per head shall still apply.

- Determination of eligibility will be based on the above criteria, administered by the Tribal small loans office and other Three Affiliated Tribes staff subject to a majority vote of the council.

CERTIFICATION

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 13th day of January, 1997; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has been amended.

Dated the 13th day of January, 1997.

Dayton Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council

**The Nation of the Three Affiliated Tribes
TAT Emergency Feed Loan Program**

Application

Date Applied: _____

Applicant Name: _____ (SS #) _____
Last / First / Middle Int.)

Street /Box/Route Telephone

City State Zip Code

**This application is made in accordance with requirements of the TAT
Emergency Feed Loan Program (EFLP).**

I (We), members of the **THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES**, herein certify ownership of the following livestock and hereby apply for assistance from the TAT Emergency Feed Loan Program.

I (We), pledge to repay TAT Emergency Feed Loan Program the full amount of feed loan ,to include feed and freight.

I (We), pledge to make payment of TAT Emergency Feed Loan Program, with first payment Dec 30th, 1997 with final payment payable Dec 30th,1998. If repayment is not received a FEED LIEN will be place on livestock included in the EFLP.

The FEED I (We) receive will be feed only to my(our) livestock with in the Fort Berthold Reservation on Indian owned land,premitted, or leased by said party. I will immediately notify the Coordinator of the EFLP of any change in livestock during my participation in this program.

I (We) further state that none of the FEED I (We), receive will be exchanged for ingredients, services, credits, or any other things of value.

Any person who disposes of any such FEED other than feeding to livestock owned by stated party ,shall be subject to penalty equal to but not in excess of market value of FEED involved, to be recovered by the Coordinator in a Civil suit brought for that purpose, and in addition shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction there of shall be subject to a fine of not more that one year. In addition, any person who is fraudulent and accepts FEED under the EFLP shall be subject to a fine or imprisonment.

APPROVED _____ YES _____ NO

Signature Area Representative (TAT)

Emergency Feed Loan Program

RANCHER

Signature _____

Address _____

AREA REPRESENTATIVE (TAT)

Signature _____

DATE OF INVENTORY _____

Pounds of FEED Required	Hay or Forage per/day	Grain or Suppl. per/day	Number Days on feed	Total Hay Required Lbs.	Total Feed Required Lbs.
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Livestock	Numbers	Hay or Forage per/day	Grain or Suppl. per/day	Number Days on feed	Total Hay Required Lbs.	Total Feed Required Lbs.
Cow						
Calves						
Bull						
Yearling Heifer						
Yearling Steer						
Horse						
Colt						

Inventory

Type of Hay	Estimated tons	
	Hay on Hand	Grain on Hand
Upland Hay		
CRP		
Alfalfa		
Alfalfa/Grass		
Other		

**The Nation of the
Three Affiliated Tribes
Fort Berthold Indian Reservation**

TAT Emergency Feed Loan Program

Promissory Note

Agreement No.
Contract No.

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For value received the undersigned promises to pay to the order of the

Three Affiliated Tribes at _____,
(Tribal Office)

_____ the sum of
(Address)

(\$ _____), Payable annually starting Dec. 30, 1997 and ending Dec 30, 1998,

following the guidelines set forth by the TAT Emergency Feed Loan Program.

Upon default in the payment of any installment of principal or in any of the terms of the undersigned's loan agreement, then the entire indebtedness, at the option of the holder, may be declared to be due and payable in its entirety. In case legal action is taken to collect this note, the undersigned agrees to pay all costs and other expenses incurred.

attest: (signature and Title)	Signature of Coordinator (TAT)
	Signature of Area Representative (TAT)