

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

**Resolution:** 97-31-DSB  
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**WHEREAS,** This nation, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and the authority undersaid act; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution and By-Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and Tribal members; and

**WHEREAS,** The policy of the tribes is to promote educational development and growth for our children in the instruction of our Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara languages, essential elements of the life, culture, and identity of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Government recognizes the importance of the preserving and perpetuating the languages for the survival of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** The New Town Public School District shall include the instruction of the Hidatsa language for high school graduation credit; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fifty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota, has passed legislation on Senate Bill No. 2491, a bill to create and enact a new section to Chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code:

**Education standards and practices board--Certification of North Dakota American Indian language instructors.** The education standards and practices board may certify an individual as an instructor of North Dakota American Indian languages and culture if the individual is recommended for certification to teach North Dakota native languages by the indigenous language boards created by the four North Dakota tribal governments of this state's reservation and if the individual:

1. Displays competence in North Dakota American Indian languages and culture and has successfully completed a three-semester-hour course in classroom instruction at a tribal college or other institution of higher education; **or**
2. Holds a baccalaureate degree and has knowledge of and experience in North Dakota American Indian languages and culture.

**WHEREAS,** Irene Bluestone Hale meets criteria #2 of the North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 15-38-18.1. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Dakota which was obtained in May 1978. She is a fluent speaker of the Hidatsa language and is very knowledgeable in the way of life of the Hidatsa people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council goes on record to recognize Irene Bluestone Hale as a certified Hidatsa language instructor.


### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 13th day of February 1997; that the foregoing Resolution duly adopted as such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 1 members not voting, and said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated 13th day of February 1997.

Daylon Spotted Bull  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
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Chairman, Tribal Business Council