

**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 of said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution and By-Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities in behalf of and in the best interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council wishes to assure that the immediate need for improved water supply systems on the Fort Berthold Reservation are met; and
- WHEREAS,** The Congressional intent of the Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-294) is to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Diversion Unit Commission Final Report dated December 20, 1984, thereby meeting the need for municipal, rural and industrial water systems on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The funds initially appropriated in accordance with the provisions of the Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act to meet the municipal, rural and industrial needs on the Fort Berthold Reservation are depleted and additional needs exist to meet the recommendations of the Garrison Diversion Unit Commission; and
- WHEREAS,** The water supply needs existing on the Fort Berthold Reservation of North Dakota have been documented in the Three Affiliated Tribes' Phase II Needs Assessment and Feasibility Level Engineering Plan Reports; and
- WHEREAS,** The Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-294) authorized and directed the Secretary of Interior to construct, operate and maintain such municipal, rural and industrial water systems deemed necessary to meet the economic, public health and environmental needs of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Congressional mandate to construct, operate and maintain a municipal, rural, and industrial to meet the economic, public health and environmental requisites on

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Reservations in the State of North Dakota necessitates amending legislation to P.L. 99-294 seeking an increase in the authorization ceiling; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recognizes the importance of the amending legislation process to the Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986 in order to meet funding needs of the Fort Berthold Reservation in the specific components of municipal, rural and industrial water supply systems; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council endorses the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation, an Agency acting for the Secretary of the Department of Interior, to draft amending legislation to P.L. 99-294 based on the Three Affiliated Tribes' Phase II Needs Assessment and Feasibility Level Engineering Plan Reports,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation approves and endorses the drafting of amending legislation to increase the authorization ceiling specified under P.L. 99-294; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation endorses the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation, an Agency of the Department of Interior, to draft amending legislation to Public Law 99-294, seeking to increase the authorization ceiling that will allow additional funding to meet the needs of the Three Affiliated Tribes' municipal, rural and industrial water supply systems on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation supports and confirms the Bureau of Reclamation's solicitation of the Three Affiliated Tribes' input in preparing legislation necessary to seek an increase in the authorization ceiling for municipal, rural, and industrial water supply systems on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

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 seven (7)

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members, of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 6 were present at the Regular meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 9th day of April, 1997; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 9th day of April, 1997.

Dayton Spotted Bull
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Chairman, Tribal Business Council