

**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 enrolled members thereof, and
- WHEREAS,** The “**INDIAN ACUTE DISTRESS DONATION PROGRAM**” was announced by President Johnson pursuant to Executive Order 11336, dated March 22, 1967 permitting the Secretary of Agriculture to exercise the authority to authorize, [as provided by 7 USC 1427] the President the power to declare an acute distress area. Under Executive Order 11336, the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to maintain liaison and consult with the Secretary of the Interior for providing the manners of emergency livestock feed. And,
- WHEREAS,** The President of the United States declared the state of North Dakota and the Fort Berthold Reservation a disaster area from October 1996 to June 1, 1997, due to the winter as one of the worst in the state’s history, and,
- WHEREAS,** Due to the extreme cold, heavy early cover of snow, and late spring blizzards the livestock owners suffered substantial livestock loss and severe feed shortage, and with the arrival of summer Fort Berthold Reservation has been hit hard with drought, and,
- WHEREAS,** Livestock operators face a threatening winter with both short hay supplies and high cost of purchasing grain, plus overall operating expense, and,
- WHEREAS,** The reauthorization of the “**Indian Acute Distress Donation Program**” is a must and a key factor for the continued operation of all Indian livestock operators on the Fort Berthold Reservation,

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council duly and officially approves the re-authorization of the “**INDIAN ACUTE DISTRESS DONATION PROGRAM**” pursuant to President Johnson’s March 22, 1967 Executive Order 11336,

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council requests that as a **Sovereign Nation**, the tribes wishes to deal directly with the United States Department of Agriculture [USDA] and the Farm Services Agency [FSA] in re-authorizing a Disaster Feed Assistance Program, and also requests the support and assistance of State elected officials and appropriate agencies to help fulfill this resolution as stated.

# 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, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 10 day of July, 1997; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 not voting, and that said Resolution has not rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 10 day of July, 1997.

Edum Hall  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council