

**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 thereof; and

WHEREAS, The position of Aberdeen Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is now vacant, and an Acting Area Director has been in place for more than 4 months; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes believes that the Area Director should be well-qualified and that the position should be advertised so that the best qualified person will be selected; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes also believes that the Area Director should be someone who is not a member of any Tribe or Nation in the Aberdeen Area, so that the needs of each Tribe in the Aberdeen Area can be reviewed by a neutral party and so that any apparent conflict of interest can be avoided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes recommends to the Central Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the position Area Director for the Aberdeen Area be advertised, and that the best-qualified individual who is a member of an Indian Tribe or Nation from outside the Aberdeen be selected for the position; and.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes takes no position on the recommendation of Hilda Manuel of the Central Office that Cora Jones be selected as Director of the BIA's Aberdeen Area Office.

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, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 19th day of August, 1997; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 19th day of August, 1997.

ATTEST:

Daylan Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council