

**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,** There a number of members of the Three Affiliated Tribes who earn their living and support their families as livestock ranchers on lands within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The past harsh winter, along with the blizzard in April and adverse growing conditions this summer created a substantial shortage of hay in the area and depleted the ability of local farmers or ranchers to pay for hay for the 1997-1998 winter; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes is now in the position to be able to provide economic assistance to its members who are farmers or ranchers and other Tribal members by establishing a revolving fund for the purchase of hay for their needs up to a total value of \$125,000, it being understood that the value of the hay to be received by a farmer or rancher will be repaid to the Tribe at interest rates not to exceed 5%, and by adding to the Small Loans Program an amount of \$25,000 for loans to Tribal members for various purposes, to be repaid to the Tribe by the Tribal member at the interest rates as set by the Small Loans Program; and
- WHEREAS,** The funds for the above hay purchases and small loans to Tribal members are available from the economic development fund portion of the Tribal plan as approved by the Secretary of Interior on July 13, 1982 for expenditure of the interest monies from the judgment funds awarded to the Tribe in the United States Court of Claims in Docket 350G as compensation for the taking of lands from the Tribe by the United States;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes to be established for the benefit of farmers and ranchers who are Tribal members a revolving fund for the purchase of hay for their needs up to a total value of \$125,000, it being understood that the value of the hay to be received by a farmer or rancher will be repaid to the Tribe at interest rates not to exceed 5%; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes an addition to the Tribal Small Loans Program an amount of \$25,000 for Tribal members for various purposes, to be repaid to the Tribe by the Tribal member at the interest rates as set by and to be administered by the Tribal Small Loans Program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Natural Resources Department of the Three Affiliated Tribes, acting under the supervision of the Natural Resources Committee, shall be empowered to establish criteria and specific terms for hay purchase program and to administer the program, consistent with this Resolution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council authorizes up to a total of \$150,000 be made available for the revolving funds described above, to be taken from the economic development fund portion of the Tribal plan as approved by the Secretary of Interior on July 13, 1982 for expenditure of the interest monies from the judgment funds awarded to the Tribe in the United States Court of Claims in Docket 350G as compensation for the taking of lands from the Tribe by the United States.

#### 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1997.

Daylon Spotted Bear  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council