

**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,** Article VI, Section 3(a) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to assist members of the Tribes in presenting their claims and grievances before any court or agency of government; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer the funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for the public purposes of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** North Dakota Legal Services, Inc. has presented to the Tribal Business Council a formal request for supplemental funding from the Three Affiliated Tribes to enable the program to continue providing a reasonably adequate level of free legal services to low income people residing on the Fort Berthold Reservation and in surrounding areas, due to the recent substantial reduction in federal funding; and

**WHEREAS,** As a devastating consequence of such reduction in federal funds which constitute the principal source of funding for the operation of the program, North Dakota Legal Services, Inc. has been compelled to significantly reduce both the number and types of cases handled, at the direction of the Board of Directors of the program; and

**WHEREAS,** North Dakota Legal Services, Inc. has provided a significant level and quality of free civil and criminal legal services to low income members of the Three Affiliated Tribes and other eligible persons resident on the Reservation and in surrounding areas for a period of approximately twenty-seven (27) years; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the considered judgment of the Tribal Business Council that the Three Affiliated Tribes should provide to North Dakota Legal Services, Inc. the requested supplemental funding, so as to assist the program in its effort to maintain a reasonably adequate level of legal services to low income people residing on and near the Fort Berthold Reservation, which services have proven, over the past two and one half decades, to have been so crucial, if not indispensable, to the welfare of the Three Affiliated Tribes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes and directs payment of a grant to North Dakota Legal Services, Inc. in the total amount of Twelve Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,000.00) to enable North Dakota Legal Services, Inc. to maintain, throughout CY 1998, a reasonably adequate level of free legal services to low income people residing on and near the Fort Berthold Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That, as a condition of the grant authorized hereby, North Dakota Legal Services, Inc. shall submit to the Judiciary Committee of the Tribal Business Council any reports relating to the activities of the program, as requested by the Committee during the grant term (i.e., CY 1998).

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1998; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1998.

Dayton Spotted Bear  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council