

**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 Tribe and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council supports those goals of self-sufficiency intended in the embodiment of the Indian Financing Act of 1974, P.L. 93-262; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council chooses to aggressively seek those avenues whereby implementation of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 may provide mechanisms of opportunity otherwise unavailable to the Tribe and its enrolled members; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council, acknowledging the association of the Three Affiliated Tribes with the United Tribes of North Dakota (UTTC), supports the enactment of the Board of Directors of the United Tribes of North Dakota by Resolution No. 98-7; and
- WHEREAS,** In supporting the enactment of the Board of Directors of the United Tribes of North Dakota, the Tribal Business Council stresses those provisions of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 whereby capital on a reimbursable basis may be made available to help develop and utilize Indian resources, both physical and human, to a point at which responsibility may be fully exercised for the utilization and management of resources; and
- WHEREAS,** In the endorsement of Resolution No. 98-7, the Tribal Business Council considers the opportunities available through the provisions of the Indian Financing Act of 1974, for the utilization and management of range and farm land, totaling in excess of 500,000 acres on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council advocates the establishment and expansion of profit-making Indian-owned economic enterprises on or near the Fort Berthold Reservation,

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a rural area stretching across 1,500 square miles, divided and segmented as a result of the construction of the Garrison Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council, recognizing the economic deprivation of the Three Affiliated Tribes' 5,700 enrolled-members residents on or near the Fort Berthold Reservation, endorses and supports implementation of Title IV of the Indian Financing Act, authorizing Indian Business Grants for the purpose of stimulating entrepreneurship and employment by providing capital through non-reimbursable grants; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recognizes that Section 201 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 authorizes the Secretary to guarantee an amount not to exceed 90 percent of the unpaid principle and interest made by lending organizations and, in lieu of such guaranty, to insure loans under an agreement approved by the Secretary, whereby the lender will be reimbursed for losses in an amount not to exceed 15 percent of the aggregate for such loans, but not to exceed 90 percent of the loss on any one loan; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council, supporting the enactment of the Board of Directors of the United Tribes of North Dakota, in its Resolution numbered 98-7, whereby the review and approval process, as defined under Section 204 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974, may be expedited, prefers that appropriate action be initiated authorizing an approval process more conducive and therefor beneficial in assuring that the underlying opportunities are more readily available to Tribes, Tribal organizations and individual tribal members; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council, recognizing that technical assistance complements Congressional intent in the enactment of the Indian Financing Act of 1974, requests allocation of Title V, Indian Financing Act, funds in the amount of \$5.0 million dollars for each of Fiscal Years 1999, 2000 and 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council advocates the need for business development grants in order to stimulate entrepreneurship and employment in economically deprived areas, and therefore supports appropriations request for each of Fiscal Years 1999, 2000 and 2001 in the amount of \$10.0 million dollars, \$5.0 million dollars for Small Business Development and \$5.0 million dollars for Agri-Business Development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation elects to pursue those avenues whereby

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implementation of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 may provide mechanisms of opportunity otherwise unavailable to Tribes, Tribal organizations and individual members and therefore supports Resolution No. 98-7 enacted by the Board of Directors of the United Tribes of North Dakota, and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation validates the need for a review and approval process, as defined under Section 204 of the Indian Financing Act, more conducive to the lending procedures to which loan applicants are subjected, and therefore urges that appropriate action be taken to couple approval of Indian Business Grant Program (Title IV) with the Loan Guaranty Program (Title II), and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation seeks the allocation of technical assistance funds, provided under Title V of the Indian Financing Act of 1974, in the amount of \$5.0 million dollars for each of Fiscal Years 1999, 2000 and 2001, and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation sanctions its advocacy for appropriations that will address the need for business development grants, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation affirms its support to seek appropriations for business development grants in the total amount of \$10.0 million dollars, \$5.0 million for Small Business Development and \$5.0 million for Agri-Business Development, for each of Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, and 2001.

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 seven (7) members, of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at the Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 13th day of January , 1998; that the

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foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 1 members abstained, and 0 members not voting, and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1998.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Chairman, Tribal Business Council