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 in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) now has more than 130 tribes as members and has, over the past six years, become an organization which has provided, among other things, vital lobbying at the national level, valuable educational seminars and an invaluable network of Tribal gaming organizations that assist in the preservation and expansion of Indian gaming; and
- WHEREAS, During the 105th Congress, as it has done in the past three Congresses, NIGA is providing crucial lobbying and technical support concerning proposals in Congress that would seriously impact the ability of the Tribes to carry on profitable gaming activities, and is viewed by Congress as the primary source of information about Indian gaming; and
- WHEREAS, To protect the gaming interests of the Three Affiliated Tribes the Tribe needs to be able to participate in NIGA as an active voting member; and
- WHEREAS, Councilman Mark Fox has demonstrated knowledge and obtained experience involving tribal gaming on our Reservation, the State of North Dakota, and in Indian Country across the Nation; and
- WHEREAS, Member Tribes of the North Dakota and Great Plains Indian Gaming Association have declared their support for Mr. Fox in the upcoming NIGA election of executive officers and annual meeting; and
- WHEREAS, It is the position of the Three Affiliated Tribes to support Mr. Fox, and to recognize that his participation will ensure that tribal gaming and the governmental positions of Tribal nations are well represented and advocated; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby elects to re-establish membership with the National Indian Gaming Association, effective immediately; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council does hereby authorize that necessary membership fees (annual) required for full membership with NIGA to be paid, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby appoints Mark N. Fox as official representative from the Three Affiliated Tribes to the National Indian Gaming Association, with Mr. Ed Hall as an alternate delegate, and furthermore, support Mr. Fox's potential election to the executive office and board of the National Indian Gaming Association.

CERTIFICATION

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Secretary, Tribal Business Council

Attest:

CHAIRMAN, Tribal Business Council