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**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** This nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** This Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** The Congress has recognized that the history of past educational policies of the United States toward the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribal languages has resulted in a dramatic decrease in the knowledge and use of this fundamental cultural practice amongst the Three Affiliated Tribes enrolled membership; and
- WHEREAS,** The Clinton Administration plans to spend \$2,000,000 in FY 1998 for projects that promote the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages under the Native American Languages Act (Public Law 102-524) to address this decline; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Berthold Community College must work hand-in-hand with the Three Affiliated Tribes in starting our own community based language restoration programs; develop approaches and methods of the tribal teaching of our native languages in assuring the survival and continuing vitality of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara languages; and
- WHEREAS,** the Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes that it is the responsibility of the educational leadership of the tribal college to develop our own language plans, technical capabilities, and access to the necessary financial and technical resources in order to assure the survival and continuing vitality of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara languages.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that The Tribal Business Council fully supports this critical tribal educational goal and will provide support through a cash contribution of at least TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) from Item 5., Higher Education, Docket, 350-G judgment funds; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby authorizes the Fort Berthold Community College to submit a Language Grant application to the Administration for Native Americans on our behalf.



MANDAN, HIDATSA, & ARIKARA NATION

Three Affiliated Tribes • Fort Berthold Indian Reservation

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March 20, 1998

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Ms. Rosemarie Mandan, Chairman
Tribal Elders Language Advisory Board
Fort Berthold Community College
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Dear Rosemarie:

We are pleased to learn that the tribal college is seeking funding for the restoration and protection of the three tribal languages. The Fort Berthold Community College was established to meet the cultural needs of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara people. The college is committed to the protection of the language, culture and political autonomy of the tribal people.

The literacy programs at the tribal college must be constructed around the competencies and cultural identity of the learners. The 1990 Census reports:

- i. the Arikara has 90 speakers out of 1,000 population;
- ii. the Hidatsa has 451 speakers including 6 monolinguals out of 1,200 population;
- iii. the Mandan has 6 fluent aged speakers, 2 semi-fluent speakers over 60 years old out of 400 population.

The college's planning grant's objectives must be interdisciplinary in approach, combining insights derived from Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara history, literature, sociolinguistics and, most importantly from the native speakers themselves.

The Tribal Business Council is grateful, indeed, to offer Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from Docket 350-G, Higher Education, in support of this critically important cultural quest.

Sincerely yours,


Russell D. Mason, Sr., Chairman
Tribal Business Council


Austin H. Gillette, Vice-Chairman
Tribal Business Council


Daylon Spotted Bear, Secretary
Tribal Business Council


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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Special Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the Wednesday, March 18, 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 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting)(not voting).

Dated this 18th Day of March 1998.

Daylon Spotted Bull
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council