

**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,** Obtaining credit is an important and often difficult task for Tribal members and Indian owned businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has had for some years a guaranteed loan program, which is, for many tribes in the Aberdeen Area, administered by the local tribal government under Self-Determination contracts with the Bureau; and
- WHEREAS,** Until Fiscal Year 1998, approval for loans to be guaranteed under this program resided with the Agency and Area BIA offices, in the amount of \$500,000 per fiscal year in total authority at the Aberdeen Area level and in the amount of \$250,000 per fiscal year at the local agency level; and
- WHEREAS,** Authority for approval of such guaranteed loans at the Agency and Area BIA offices was revoked and beginning in FY 1998 all loans had to be approved in Washington, D.C., resulting in additional obstacles for approval of such loans, including a substantially lengthened approval process and a marked insensitivity to the needs of local credit applicants; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes, through its Chairman, has repeatedly and recently requested that the leadership concerning credit and economic development at the Bureau of Indian Affairs be changed and made more user friendly for Tribes and their members, and it is understood that some changes have been made at the national level in leadership in this area;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Three Affiliated Tribes, acting through its duly elected Tribal Business Council, does hereby request that authority to approve BIA guaranteed loans be returned immediately to the Area and Agency offices, in the amount of amount of \$500,000 per fiscal year in total authority for the Aberdeen Area Office and in the amount of at least \$250,000 per fiscal year, or such other amount as authorized by law, per Agency in the Aberdeen Area.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1998; 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1998.

Daylon Spotted Bear  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council