

**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 act in the best interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes, exercising its sovereign rights as an Indian Nation, is actively developing and instituting policies and infrastructures in the scope of Natural Resource protection and development, within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes, seeking to develop a comprehensive system of monitoring the environmental quality of its Tribal Lands and the lands of its enrolled members, has taken a proactive stance to use all federally funded programs designed to assist Tribes in acquiring these types of systems, and
- WHEREAS,** In the past, the Three Affiliated Tribes has cooperated with universities and colleges in efforts to gain funding through federal agencies to undertake scientific studies, which are designed to benefit the Tribes by providing assistance in data gathering, data analysis, and technological advantages, and
- WHEREAS,** Emporia State University - Emporia, Kansas, under the supervision of Jonena Hearst - Assistant Professor and assisted by Damon K. Williams - graduate assistant and an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, have applied for a federal grant through the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Education Program to assemble a database and website consisting of water quality data of seven (7) creeks and their associated watersheds, located within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and
- WHEREAS,** In acquiring this EPA grant, the resulting project seeks to build the Tribes environmental capacity by educating tribal members regarding the importance of watershed management and increasing the public access to watershed information by preparing an accurate database and construction of an INTERNET website; the dual focus of said project would be to 1) to organize and summarize existing watershed information so that it is readily available and 2) to inform elementary

and secondary educators and the Tribal community about the availability and use of watershed resource information, and

WHEREAS, The requirement for the EPA Environmental Education grant is a twenty-five percent (25%) inkind contribution of a total Grant Budget Cost, and the total budget of the grant is \$7,628.00, with the 25% inkind contribution equaling \$2,632.00; Emporia State University has agreed to share the 25% inkind contribution stipulation with both monetary, equipment, and personnel contributions totaling \$1,375.00 and has requested that the Three Affiliated Tribes contribute a total amount of \$1,257.00, of which \$650.00 is direct monetary funding and 607.00 in personnel and equipment contributions, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby finds that this goal of this project is in the best interest of the Tribes, and would benefit in the education of environmental awareness of its Tribal members, and would benefit the Tribes' technological infrastructure by increasing its capacity to monitor the environmental capacity of Tribal lands and the lands of Tribal members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby grants the funding of a monetary amount of \$650.00 to be sent to Emporia State University - overseer of the grant, and an inkind contribution of \$607.00 in personnel and equipment related expenses.

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 whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 13th day of August, 1998; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such a Meeting by the affirmative vote of members members opposed, members abstained, not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 13th day of August, 1998

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council