

**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,** In the course of activities conducted by the Tribe on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of its enrolled members, including the Fort Berthold Housing Authority, various Tribal programs and wholly owned businesses, the Tribe has for a number of years extended credit in various ways to its members, and, in addition, for various reasons Tribal members owe money to the Tribe in assorted non-criminal matters; and
- WHEREAS,** At present, a number of persons owe funds to the Tribe and its various departments and agencies, including the Tribal Housing Authority, and are delinquent or have not made any arrangements for repayment of their debts to the Tribe, and these delinquencies are in some cases several years old; and
- WHEREAS,** In order to continue funding Tribal credit programs, including such things as the small loan program and other tribal credit programs, there is a need for more aggressive collection of past due debts owed to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council believes that it is in the best interests of the Tribe to hire a collection agency to assist in the collection of past due debts owed to the Tribe, its various departments, agencies and businesses, including the Fort Berthold Housing Authority;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Chairman and the Tribal Treasurer to solicit bids from various collection agencies for collection of debts owed to the Tribe, its various departments and agencies and to Tribally owned businesses, including the Fort Berthold Housing Authority, and to select from those collection firms interested one or more firms, with whom the Chairman and the Treasurer shall negotiate for an agreement for collection of Tribal debts, and to present one or more such firms and the negotiated agreement for final approval by the Tribal Business Council; and
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that nothing in this resolution should prevent continued efforts by the Tribal credit officer, other Tribal departments and agencies, Tribally owned businesses and the Fort Berthold Housing Authority to collect debts owed to those various entities.

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, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 25th day of August, 1998; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 3 members, 2 members opposed, 1 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 25th day of August, 1998.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council