

**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, The Fort Berthold Reservation is spread out over 1,500 square miles and among six counties; and

WHEREAS, With the headquarters of the Tribe in New Town, North Dakota, in the northwest corner of the Reservation, many calls to the Tribal office even from the reservation are long distance for the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, and are mostly long distance for those members who live off the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, At a cost of several hundred dollars per month, or approximately \$10,000 year, the Tribe could establish a toll free number which would allow Tribal members to call the Tribal headquarters office free of charge from anywhere in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The legislation establishing the Equitable Compensation Fund allows for expenditures to be made, among other things, for social services and government needs; and

WHEREAS, Providing a permanent toll free service to its members should be considered a social service and a government need;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the installation of a permanent toll-free number by which all Tribal members can reach the Tribal headquarters office from anywhere in the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of such toll-free telephone service will be paid from those funds received by the Tribe as a part of payments due the Tribe from the Equitable Compensation Fund, and that such expense will be made a part of the plan for annual expenditures from the monies received from Fund as submitted to the Secretary of interior for approval.

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 4 members, 2 members opposed, 0 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:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council