

**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,** Among its members, the Three Affiliated Tribes has more than 500 elders who are greater than 60 years of age;
- WHEREAS,** Many of the elders of the Tribe live on fixed incomes, and are unable to afford basic telephone service, essential for emergency health care needs and other purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes is eligible to receive interest from the Equitable Compensation Fund, which will be more than \$30 million if drawn down at once later this year; and
- WHEREAS,** The legislation establishing the Equitable Compensation Fund allows for expenditures to be made, among other things, for social services; and
- WHEREAS,** Providing permanent basic telephone service to any elderly member of the Three Affiliated Tribes who wants such service would cost approximately \$190,000 per year, based on a \$30.00 monthly base cost times approximately 520 elders, and because not all would want the service provided to them or have more than one elder in the household, the total cost per year would likely be less than \$190,000 per year;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes each member of the Tribe who is 60 years of age or older to receive basic monthly telephone service from the local telephone provider available for that elder at the expense of the Tribe, it being understood that service will be provided on a per household basis and that it will remain the responsibility of the elder to acquire a telephone of the elder's choice and that all long distance charges will remain the responsibility of the elder; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of such 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, 1 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 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