

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, This nation having accepted the Indian reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, this Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Independence Program (EDSS) of the Fort Berthold Housing Authority has developed a business plan and an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant proposal to promote tribal member employment and to provide self-sufficiency opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed *Elbowoods Woodworks Cooperative* will leverage local available resources, and coordinate existing programs in a way that will result in a new program model that is revenue-generating; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative will combine the best aspects of a for-profit business and a not-for-profit business to provide new opportunities for tribal members through the development of a for-profit company to primarily produce and market caskets and accessories but will also manufacture cedar chests, sheds, playground structures, bed frames, bookshelves, handicapped ramps, and other products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, In recognition of need for this business venture to provide economic opportunities for tribal members, the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes The Fort Berthold Housing Authority to apply for the ANA-SEDS grant opportunity in partnership with the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Three Affiliated Tribes will set aside TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) from Fiscal year 2000 that begins October 1, 1999 from the 350-G Capital (Business) Development Fund or other Tribal funds as available for the purpose of working capital for the proposed ANA *Elbowoods Woodworks Cooperative*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the economic and business development resources under the Three Affiliated Tribes, will provide cash, goods, or services to this proposed ANA *Elbowoods Woodworks Cooperative* and is outlined in a Tribal Business Council letter dated May 18, 1999, that provides the details of these ANA *Elbowoods Woodworks Cooperative* in kind donations as Exhibit 1A.

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 Tuesday, May 18, 1999; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members 0 opposed, 0 member abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 18th day of May, 1999.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council