

**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,** Article X of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes establishes the procedure for amending the Constitution, and specifically states that "it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment when requested by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Tribal Council..."; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council previously passed Resolution Nos. 98-80-DSB, 98-81-DSB and 98-82-DSB in June, 1998, which proposed several amendments to the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes for possible ratification by a vote of the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, such proposed amendments being substantially the recommendations of a Constitution Revision Committee appointed by the Tribal Business Council; and
- WHEREAS,** The Resolutions mentioned above were not officially forwarded by the Tribal Business Council to the Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (the local representative of the Secretary of Interior), and therefore no election has yet been conducted as provided in Article X of the Tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Tribe and its enrolled members for further review of the proposed amendments (Resolution Nos. 98-80-DSB, 98-81-DSB and 98-82-DSB) to take place prior to the formal request being submitted to the Secretary of Interior for a ratification vote by Tribal members on the amendments, in part to make sure that the proposed amendments meet the needs of the members and government of the Three Affiliated Tribes, and in part to allow the amendments to be clarified so as to reduce future misunderstandings about the amendments, should they be ratified by the Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council believes that the Constitution Revision Committee, the Tribal Legal Department and other counsel employed by the Tribe should be able to complete review of the proposed amendments within 90 days of the enactment of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council remains committed to proposing in some form for a vote of the members of the Tribe the general substance of the proposed Constitutional Amendments contained in the Resolutions enumerated above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes, hereby officially delays, and to the extent necessary because of previous action by the Tribal Business Council, withdraws, submission of Resolution Nos. 98-80-DSB, 98-81-DSB and 98-82-DSB to the Secretary of Interior for a period of at least 90 days and until such time as a full review of the proposed Constitutional Amendments has been conducted by the Constitution Revision Committee, the Tribal Legal Department and such other counsel presently employed by the Tribe as the Tribal Business Council or the Legal Department may deem necessary, and until proposed revisions to the proposed Constitutional amendments have been submitted to the Tribal Business Council for review.

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 the 4th day of June, 1999; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 members, 3 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 4th day of June, 1999.

Daylon Spotted Bear
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Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Tex G. Hall
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Chairman, Tribal Business Council