

**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 VI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to exercise all necessary sovereign authority - legislative and judicial - for the purpose of asserting the jurisdiction granted in Article I of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5 (c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available tribal funds for the public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the intent of the Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council to develop the existing Tribal tax base and to explore the potential for additional tax revenue and to take steps to increase the availability of tax revenue for essential governmental services; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council has reviewed and considered the possibility of entering into a tax agreement between the Three Affiliated Tribes and the State of North Dakota and deems it advisable and beneficial to the interests of the Tribes to enter into formal discussions regarding such an agreement; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the intent of the Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council to formally notify the Governor of North Dakota and the State Tax Commissioner that the Three Affiliated Tribes are interested in formal discussions between the two governments to discuss a tax agreement for the collection of Tribal taxes;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby directs the Tribal Tax Department to prepare a letter to the Governor of the State of North Dakota, for the Chairman's signature, stating that the Three Affiliated Tribes are interested in formal discussions regarding the development of a tax collection agreement.

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 special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 12th day of August, 1999; and the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 12th day of August, 1999.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council