

**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 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest and largest organization of Indian Nations in the United States, founded in 1944 and representing more than 200 sovereign Indian Nations; and,
- WHEREAS,** NCAI is looked to by Congress and by the President and the Executive Branch as providing a major voice expressing the concerns of Indian Nations about the policy of the Federal government towards the Indian Nations and their members; and
- WHEREAS,** It is critical that land based Indian Nations with large populations and with an established Treaty relationship with the United States influence how NCAI develops and presents the views of Indian Nations to the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal government; and
- WHEREAS,** The principal spokesperson for NCAI is its President, elected by a vote of the Indian Nations members of NCAI every two years; and
- WHEREAS,** The current President has served ably for two successive terms, but now, pursuant to NCAI's Constitution and By-laws, must yield the Presidency to a new Tribal leader; and
- WHEREAS,** The election for the position of President will occur at the annual meeting of NCAI to be held on October 3-8, 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** Tex G. Hall the Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, has already shown national leadership on several important issues, as a member of National Steering Committee on the reauthorization of Indian Health Care Improvement Act; as National Co-chair of the Task Force on Land-into-trust Regulations proposed by the Department of Interior; as National Co-chair of the BIA Budget Task Force; as a member of the Joint Tribal/BIA/TPA Task Force; and as a leader of an effort to start a national class action lawsuit against the Department of Agriculture to remedy past discrimination by that department against American Indians; and

WHEREAS, Tex G. Hall has shown regional leadership within the Aberdeen Area as Chairman of the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairman's Association; as the spokesperson for the Montana, South Dakota and North Dakota Indian Nations during an historic meeting with the President of the United States in May, 1999; as an advocate for Indian people on a regional, national and international basis for increasing economic development and tourism to take advantage of the celebration of the upcoming Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; and as a representative of the Aberdeen Area at numerous hearings before Congressional Committees during the 106th Congress; and

WHEREAS, Tex G. Hall is otherwise qualified to lead the National Congress of American Indians into the new millennium as an educator with a Master's Degree from the University of South Dakota; as a former Superintendent of the Mandaree Public School District; as a successful rancher; and as a member of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes since 1996; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes supports the candidacy of Tex G. Hall for the office of President of NCAI and will provide him support in that position for the next two years, knowing that as President, he will necessarily spend a great deal of time traveling to ensure that the voices of all Indian Nations are heard by the Federal government, states and the non-Indian public-at-large; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes supports the efforts of its Chairman to reach out to all Indian Nations, whether or not members of NCAI, in order to achieve as much unity as possible on issues of common concern to the Indian Nations within the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes supports the efforts of its Chairman to strengthen Tribal sovereignty and to strengthen the government -to-government relationship between each individual Indian Nation and the Federal government of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes that Tex G. Hall devotes his entire energy to improving the quality of life of the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes and that if elected President of NCAI will be equally dedicated to working for solutions to the many .issues and problems facing Indian Nations today;

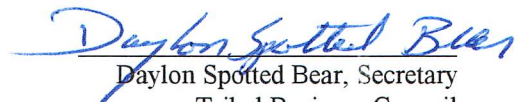
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes, acting on behalf of the entire Tribe, hereby endorses Tex G. Hall for the position of President of the National Congress of American Indians and supports his efforts to become President of NCAI, knowing that the position requires tremendous dedication, energy, time and commitment of resources and that the position will mean that the Chairman will frequently be away from the Three Affiliated Tribes attending to issues of national importance to all Indian Nations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby encourages all Indian Nations to support the candidacy of Tex G. Hall for President of the National Congress of American Indians at the annual meeting of NCAI to be held October 3-8, 1999, and encourages all Indian Nations who are supporting Tex G. Hall for the position of President to be current in their dues to NCAI and to send a representative to vote for the position of President at the upcoming annual meeting.

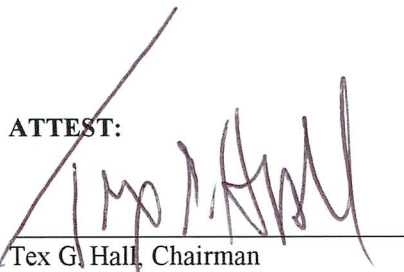
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 is composed of 7 members, of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Special meeting thereof duly called, notice, convened, and held on the 23rd day of September, 1999; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 1 members abstained, 0 members not voting and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1999.


Daylon Spotted Bear, Secretary
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Tex G. Hall, Chairman
Tribal Business Council