

**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 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 the enrolled members thereof; and,

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes states the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council may appoint, subject to the approval of the council, such standing committees and special committees, and other officers as the business may require; and,

WHEREAS, The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes, in the pre-European-contact period numbered well over 40,000 people living in an environment encompassing a territory that included all of the present State of North Dakota, and parts of what is now Montana and South Dakota, which required extensive planning and industry to insure the physical and cultural well-being of the people from one season to the next.

WHEREAS, European settlement of this continent in the 19th Century changed the way of life from three independent tribal groups to a collective reservation community of less than 1,000 people by the turn of the century, the remaining social structure was vulnerable to ever-changing federal policy of the 20th Century, which imposed assimilative measures, with little or no tribal participation in the planning process.

WHEREAS, We now stand at the dawning of the 21st Century, with a change in political, social, and economic thought, which offers an opportunity for Indian people to develop our own plans for our communities, thereby shaping and controlling our own destinies; and,

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Program Analyst, along with the Comprehensive Management Assistance Office, has begun a process to create a vision and to implement a planning model for the future generations, which will combine elements of social value and coordinate efforts to achieve agreed-upon goals of our people; and,

WHEREAS, Social, cultural, and economic planning requires the support and participation of the tribal government, as well as the support and participation of all people in the various communities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, acting pursuant to Article I, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes, hereby acknowledges, supports and approves the organization and establishment of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee, which shall be involved in developing a tribal planning model.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Programs Analyst and the Comprehensive Management Assistance Office to proceed with the plans for this committee, which shall include representatives from the Tribal Business Council, along with representatives from all tribal entities and others who have expressed an interest and desire in planning for a new millenium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the CEDS Committee shall prepare and submit for Tribal Business Council review and approval, a mission and vision statement and shall identify goals which reflect community input and provide a framework for public and tribal decision making and serve as the basis for the formulation of an action plan.

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 members constitute a quorum; 7 members were present at a Regular meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 15th day of October, 1999; whereby the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members; 0 member(s) opposed; 0 abstained; and 1 not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 15th day of October, 1999.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, TAT Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Ty M. Hall
Chairman, Tribal Business Council