

**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 (the "Tribe") 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, including management of the economic affairs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The year 2000 is a critical election year for both Tribal, state and Federal candidates, as both the President of the United States and many statewide offices are up for election and in neither the state Governor's race or the Presidential race is an incumbent running; and

WHEREAS, Under state elections laws in the state of North Dakota, only individuals or Political Action Committees (PACs) can contribute to individual candidates, and it is not clear under North Dakota law whether a Tribe would be considered as an individual or corporation; and

WHEREAS, Under state elections laws in the state of North Dakota, it is easy to register a PAC as the Tribe can establish the PAC, the cost is only an annual \$5.00 fee, and the PAC can contribute as much as it wants to any individual candidates in state races, and if the PAC is registered with the Federal Election Commission, the PAC can also contribute to Federal candidates; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe from time to time may want to make contributions to certain political candidates using funds other than those derived from the Equitable Compensation Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the Chairman or the Treasurer to establish with the Secretary of State for the state of North Dakota a Political Action Committee, to be named later by the Executive Committee, and further authorizes the expenditure of the \$5.00 filing fee and any other associated fee imposed by the state of North Dakota to establish and maintain the PAC; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes that up to \$500 may be placed in such PAC for distribution to any one candidate upon motion of the Tribal Business Council without further resolution of the Council, and that for any amount greater than \$500, the Tribal Business Council will require that a resolution of support for the candidate be prepared

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, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 21st day of August, 2000; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2000.

Daylon Spotted Bear
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Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Tex G. Hall
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Chairman, Tribal Business Council