

## OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

A Resolution entitled, "Authorization for Tribal Housing Division to apply for Otto Bremer Foundation Grant."

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes' Constitution authorizes and empowers the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Tribal Business Council to engage in activity 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 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, To address the unmet housing needs for the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council has established the Tribal Housing Division whose primary purpose is to provide homeownership opportunities for tribal members through the various tribal, federal and state housing development resources available to the Tribes and its members; and
- WHEREAS, The Housing Division of the Three Affiliated Tribes is nearing completion of Phase One of the Dreamcatcher Program and is moving on to Phase Two of this project. The Dreamcatcher program will impact each segment of the Fort Berthold Reservation and will give the opportunity to members of the Three Affiliated Tribes to lease and/or purchase homes. It has been ascertained that many prospective home buyers will qualify for home loans, however, they lack appropriate cash reserves needed for down payment and/or closing costs, or they have some credit issues that need to be resolved prior to obtaining a mortgage; and
- WHEREAS, In order to fulfill its mandate to provide affordable housing to all members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Housing Division has requested authority from the Tribal Business Council to seek a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Otto Bremer Foundation for the development of a Down Payment Assistance Program to assist applicants that exceed the 80% HUD Median Income guideline, to develop a Credit Management Program to assist applicants in managing their credit, and to provide for Homebuyer Education services to make our homeownership programs successful.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the Director of the Housing Division to seek a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation for development of a Down Payment Assistance Program, Credit Management Program and Homebuyer Education services.

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the day of April, 2005, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.
Chairman Voting. [ ] Not Voting.  Dated this day of April, 2005

Executive Secretary,

**Tribal Business Council** 

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tex G. Hall Tribal Business Council