

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

A Resolution Entitled: Amendment to Chapter 21, Section 7(e) – Usury of the Tribal Code of Laws.

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (the "Tribe") have accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe 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 Tribe and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution and Bylaws authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer any funds or property within the exclusive control of the Tribe to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has passed or intends to pass a Tribal Credit Transaction Code regarding short term consumer loans; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Committee has determined it necessary to amend the current Tribal Usury Code to apply the Tribal Credit Transaction Code to these types of short term consumer loans.



TITLE VII

SECTION 7(e)

OF CHAPTER 21

OF THE CODES OF LAWS

OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

Usury defined; maximum interest rate; prohibition. No person, partnership, limited partnership, trust, association, corporation, or other form of business entity, either directly or indirectly, shall take or receive, or agree to take or receive, in money, goods, or things in action, or in any other way, any greater sum or greater value for the loan or forbearance of money, goods, or things in action than five and one-half percent per annum higher than the current cost of money as reflected by the average rate of interest payable on United States treasury bills maturing in six months for the six months immediately prior to the month in which the transaction occurs. No contract shall provide for the payment of interest on interest overdue, but this section shall not apply to a contract to pay interest at a lawful rate on interest that is overdue at the time such contract is made. Any violation of this section shall be deemed usury. Further, without regard to the interest rate limit set forth herein, banks may charge interest at a rate equal to the maximum allowable rate which lawfully may be charged for a particular type of loan by national, Tribal, or State banking associations or by federal, Tribal, or State savings and loan associations chartered by the United States, by the Three Affiliated Tribes, or by the State of North Dakota.

The provisions of this Section 7(e) do not apply to the loan made from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation in the amount of \$30,000,000 and the documents entered into in connection therewith, including the Loan Agreement, Depository Agreement, the Note, and other collateral documents.

The provisions of this Section 7(e) do not apply to Indebtedness incurred by (i) the Three Affiliated Tribes or (ii) tribal entities, enterprises or instrumentalities wholly or majority owned by the Three Affiliated Tribes (collectively, the "Tribe").

For purposes of this Section 7(e), Indebtedness means, as to the Tribe, at a particular time, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP: (a) all obligations of the Tribe for borrowed money and all obligations of the Tribe evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments; (b) all direct or contingent obligations of the Tribe arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments;(c) net obligations of the Tribe under any swap contract, including without limitation, any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, and confirmations related to any swap contract; (d) all obligations of the Tribe to pay the deferred purchase price of property

or services (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business); (e) indebtedness secured by a lien on property owned or being purchased by the Tribe (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by the Tribe or is limited in recourse; (f) capital leases and synthetic lease obligations; and (g) all guarantees of the Tribe in respect of any of the foregoing.

The provisions of Section 7(e) do not apply to any lawfully loan made pursuant to the Tribal Credit Transaction Code – Title VII, Chapter 7.





NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Title VII, Chapter 27 – Usury of the Tribal Code of Laws shall be amended to include the following provision:

The provisions of Section 7(e) do not apply to any lawful loan made pursuant to the Tribal Credit Transaction Code - Title VII, Chapter 7.

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 Regular meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 14 day of July 2011; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, omembers abstained, omembers not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 14 day of July 2011.

Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh

Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:

Tribal Chairman, Tex G.

Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes

