



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

***A Resolution entitled, "Authorization for the Three Affiliated Tribes' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to Exclude Income Generated From Royalty Payments or Bonuses From Minerals Rights in the Computation of Gross Income for Purposes of Qualifying for the LIHEAP Program"***

**WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws pursuant to said Act; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution and By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes was adopted by membership of the Tribes on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1936 pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and duly approved by the Secretary of Interior; and

**WHEREAS,** Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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,** Article VI, Section 5 (1) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and other tribal agencies and tribal officials on the reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5 (c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to administer any funds or property within the exclusive control of the Three Affiliated Tribes to make expenditures from available tribal funds for public purposes, provided that all expenditures from tribal funds shall be by resolution duly passed by the Tribal Business Council to such effect; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council has determined it is in the best interests of the Three Affiliated Tribes and its people to exclude any royalty payments or bonus income earned from mineral rights in the computation of an applicant's gross income for purposes of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, to ensure assistance goes to those most in need.

