

**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 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; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3 (a) of the Constitution authorizes the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes to assist members of the Tribes in presenting their claims or grievances before any agency of government; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes and acknowledges the committed efforts of North Dakota Legal Services in protecting the rights and interests of the poor and elderly; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes the necessity of local telephone service, especially to the residents of the Fort Berthold Reservation where law enforcement and medical services are expected to be provided in remote areas; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes supports the proposed revisions to Public Service Commission whereby local telephone service could not be discontinued for nonpayment of long distance telephone service charge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby fully supports the petition to amend the North Dakota Administrative Code in Case No. PU-296-90-731; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby supports the draft rules prohibiting local service disconnection for non payment of long distance charges proposed by the Public Service Commission Case No. PU-439-90-599.

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
TRIBAL CHAMBERS

Special Meeting
January 3, 1991

PRESENT: Wilbur D. Wilkinson, Chairman; Theodore Lone Fight III, Vice Chairman; John Rabbithead, Jr. Secretary Titus Hall, Councilmember, James Mossett, Councilmember and Eliisa Blake, Acting Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Roger Bird Bear, Treasurer and Austin Gillette, Councilmember.

OTHERS: Dorreen Yellow Bird, Communications Enterprise.

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order at 2:58 PM.

ITEM 02: ROLL CALL:
Roll called by Secretary Rabbithead. Quorum established.

ITEM 03: LEGAL DEPARTMENT:
PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE RESOLUTION-----#91-03:
Diane Johnson, Legal Attorney accompanied by Jim Fitzsimmons, ND Legal Services Attorney presented a resolution regarding a Public Telephone Service for the Fort Berthold Reservation.

Attorney Johnson informed the Council as to the need for a public telephone service for the reservation. Attorney Fitzsimmons stated he conducted a study in White Shield as to the number of telephones in the local homes. There were only 40% as to the reason being many people cannot afford telephone deposits or have lost services due to high long distance calls. Currently, a local service does not exist, so Attorney Johnson is requesting for support of the Public Telephone Service Resolution.

A hearing will be held in Bismarck on January 16 at the State Capitol. It was decided that Councilman Hall attend and present the testimony prepared by Attorney Johnson.

Councilman Lone Fight made a motion to approve the resolution for Local Public Telephone Service, seconded by Councilman Hall.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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, 5 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 3rd day of January, 1991; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 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 the 3rd day of January, 1991.

John J. Rabbithead Sr.
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST: William D. Wilkinson
Chairman, Tribal Business Council