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, The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) now has more than 130 tribes as members and has, over the past five, become an organization which has provided, among other things, vital lobbying at the national level, valuable educational seminars and an invaluable network of Tribal gaming organizations that assist in the preservation and expansion of Indian gaming; and
- WHEREAS, During the 105th Congress, as it has done in the past two Congresses, NIGA is providing crucial lobbying and technical support concerning proposals in Congress that would seriously impact the ability of Tribes to carry on profitable gaming activities, and is viewed by Congress as the primary source of information about Indian gaming; and
- WHEREAS, To protect the gaming interests of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribe needs to be able to participate in NIGA as an active voting member;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby elects to re-establish membership with the National Indian Gaming Association, effective immediately; and
- THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council does hereby authorize the necessary membership fees required for full membership with NIGA to be paid, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

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 constitutes a quorum, 7 were present at a <u>Regular</u> meeting thereof duly called, notices, convened, and held on the <u>13th</u> day of <u>February</u> 1997; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted as 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members, ____ members opposed, ____ members abstained, ____ members not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.

<u>Day for Spotted B las</u> Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman, Tribal Business Council