

**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; and

**WHEREAS,** In the recent adoption of the "Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996," Congress recognized the United States' trust responsibility for "the protection and preservation of Indian tribes" and further recognized that "providing affordable homes in safe and healthy environments is an essential element" of this trust responsibility, and

**WHEREAS,** Within this same legislation, Congress determined that the provision of federal assistance to meet these responsibilities should be in a manner that recognizes the right of Native American self-determination and tribal self-governance by making such assistance directly available to tribes or their designated entities under authorities similar to those accorded tribes in Public Law 93-638 (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes agrees that the provision of affordable housing in safe and healthy environments is an essential element of the United States' trust responsibility and wholeheartedly welcomes the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, hereinafter referred to as the "Act"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Act enables tribes to recognize an existing Indian housing authority which was: (i) "established for purposes of the United States Housing Act of 1937 before the date of the enactment of this Act," (ii) "is acting upon such date of enactment as the Indian housing authority for the tribe, and" (iii) "is not an Indian tribe for the purposes of this Act," and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Housing Authority meets all of the qualifying elements of the definition as an "existing Indian housing authority," as defined within the Act, and

**WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Housing Authority, as a tribally chartered entity functioning on behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes since its inception in 1968, has acted in the capacity of housing management and can provide administrative and management continuity and stability in the provision of housing to the tribal membership; and so

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Three Affiliated Tribes wishes to recognize the Fort Berthold Housing Authority (FBHA) as its "tribally designated housing entity," and as such, authorizes the FBHA to receive housing grant amounts and provide tribal housing assistance under this Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this authorization is granted by exercise of the power of self-government of the Three Affiliated Tribes and shall take effect immediately upon enactment of the provisions of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

#### 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 seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitutes a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1997; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 2 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1997.

Daylon Spotted Bear  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes