

**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 and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated generally authorized 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 Fort Berthold Reservation of the Three Affiliated Tribes has within it hundreds of miles of roads to serve both its population, those passing through the reservation or coming as visitors, all of whom expect the roads to be safe; and

WHEREAS, One of the leading causes of death and injury on the Fort Berthold Reservation each year is traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, Because of the increased population and economic development activities of the MHA Nation, including the addition of the Four Bears Casino and Lodge, recreational activities, and the additional tourists that will be coming through the area for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial events, traffic patterns and traffic have changed or increased or both, and will continue to change and increase through the years on roads within the Reservation, making traffic safety an even greater concern for the members of the MHA Nation and all nearby communities, both on and off the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

WHEREAS, That because of the need for traffic safety, there is a continuing need to identify all intersections and sections of the roads on the public roadways within the Fort Berthold Reservation which pose traffic safety problems and then to put in place safety measures at such locations that will help prevent future accidents at such locations; and

WHEREAS, An example of an intersection with a current safety problems, at which there has recently been several accidents involving Tribal members leading to at least two (2) deaths, is the intersection of State Highway No. 8 and the county road coming from Van Hook which intersect along Highway No. 23 six (6) miles east of New Town; and

WHEREAS, That because this intersection is historically very hazardous, there is a need for several relatively inexpensive safety improvements to be made at or before the intersection, including: 1) a flashing light that is yellow or red (depending on traffic levels) as vehicles approach the intersection from any direction; 2) "rumble strips" on both roads intersecting State Highway No. 23 at this location; 3) a larger stop sign on the Van Hook road to the south of State Highway No. 23; 4) turn out lanes for the recreational traffic going south from State Highway No. 23, which would both improve safety and traffic flow along State Highway No. 23; and 5) a lower speed limit of 45 mph for at least 300 yards in each direction from the intersection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation hereby requests that the North Dakota State Department of Transportation and the local Mountrail County roads department make the improvements mentioned above, including: 1) a flashing yellow or red light at the intersection; 2) rumble strips on the state and county roads that intersect State Highway No. 23; 3) a larger stop sign on the Van Hook road at its intersection with State Highway No. 23; 4) turning lanes on State Highway No. 23 for turning south onto the Van Hook county road; and 5) a lower speed limit of 45 mph for at least 300 yards in each direction from the intersection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State of North Dakota, the county roads departments of the counties with county maintained roadways within the Fort Berthold Reservation and the Traffic Safety Department of the MHA Nation commence a study of other dangerous or unsafe intersections and roadways within the Fort Berthold Reservation so as to identify safety improvements for those roadways and intersections that if made will reduce traffic accidents, injuries and save lives of all those who travel on the public roadways of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

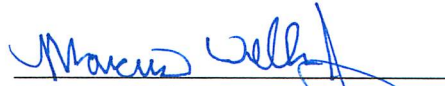
CERTIFICATION

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 SPECIAL Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 25 day of September 2001; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the Affirmative

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vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 25 day of September 2001



Marcus Wells Jr.
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Tex G. Hall.
Chairman, Tribal Business Council