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

A Resolution entitled, “Amending the Oil and Gas Production Structure Setback Act”

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 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 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 construction and operation of well pads, well heads, waste pits, reserve pits, oil storage tanks, oil pumping units or other oil and gas production facilities (oil and gas structures): creates noise, dust and smells that interfere with the quiet enjoyment of nearby property owners; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the Nation to protect the property and well-being of all property owners by imposing set back requirements for such oil and gas structures; and

WHEREAS, The Nation also recognizes the need for balanced laws that protect both the interest of property owners and the business interest of Oil and Gas Companies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, well pads, well heads, waste pits, reserve pits, oil storage tanks, pipelines, saltwater disposal wells, rig cutting pits or other related oil and gas disposal business and oil pumping units shall not be located with 2,640 feet (1/2 mile) of an occupied residence, tribal building, school, hospital, or other structures where people are known to congregate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a property owner and an Oil and Gas Company or Pipeline Company, may contract to locate any of the above mentioned oil production structures within 2,640 feet of an occupied residence, tribal building, school, or hospital provided that the Oil and Gas Company or Pipeline Company provide adequate compensation to the property owner for the close proximity of the oil production structure and provided further that the interests of other property owners are not encroached by a distance less that the setback requirement, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution supersedes any prior actions of the Tribal Business Council on the subject, and shall be part of the laws of the Nation and the Tribal Energy Office shall be responsible for carrying out the amended mandates of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any company found to be in violation of this amended Resolution shall be fined up to One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) under the Nation’s Civil Code I addition to possible revocation of its Tribal Employment Rights Office License and any such other Tribal licenses the company may hold; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 13th day of August, 2013, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [ ] Not Voting.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2013.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary Vs. Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Chairman Tex Hall
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes