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RESOLUTION

Whereas the welfare of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation depends very largely if not solely on the self-rule accorded them by the Indian Reorganization Act with its attendant benefits therein and

Whereas the said Three Affiliated Tribes adopted the said Reorganization Act by a large majority vote of all the voters of the Reservation and

Whereas a constitution and by-laws and a Federal charter of incorporation pursuant thereof have been adopted by a similar majority and neither of these have been changed and

Whereas material progress has been attained by the Three Affiliated Tribes, which progress includes their cattle program, by virtue of the guidance and protection from the exercise of the powers contained in the said Indian Reorganization Act and

Whereas any law that tends to nullify in any way the said Indian Reorganization Act and any law that tends to remove restrictions on Indian property now held in trust by the United States will be detrimental and destructive to the industrial, economic and social well-being of the said Three Affiliated Tribes and

Whereas it is entirely unfair to their young men and women who have volunteered or responded to the call to the armed forces of the present World War, their being approximately 150 such young men and women from the reservation population of about 1900 who are gone at least for the duration and who will be denied the right to express their opinion regarding any radical Indian legislation by the Congress and such young men and women upon their return will be very largely dependent on the benefits derived from the present Indian Reorganization Act, Now Therefore Be It Hereby

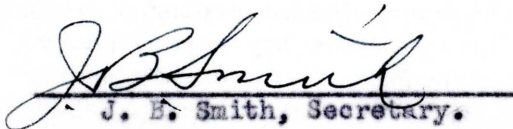
Resolved by the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation with its quorum present together with a well represented delegation from all the communities of the Reservation, in a general council meeting, duly and officially noticed and convened, do hereby urgently request the Congress of the United States not to give favorable consideration to the bills S.1218 and S.1311 or any bills brought or which may be brought before the said Congress which propose to change the status of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation with the Government of the United States, and Be It Further

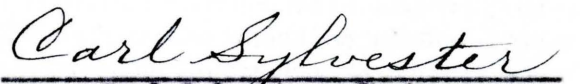
Resolved that a copy each of this resolution be sent to each of the North Dakota representatives at Washington, to each chairman of a committee on Indian Affairs of each house, to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and to the President of the United States

CERTIFICATION

I, Carl Sylvester, Chairman of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes, do hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council composed of ten (10) members of whom seven (7) constitute a quorum and of whom eight (8) were present, and together with the delegates from all the communities in a general council on the 17th day of August duly adopted the foregoing resolution by a vote of 64 to 0, 10 not voting, and that the resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

ATTEST:


J. E. Smith, Secretary.


Carl Sylvester, Chairman,
Tribal Business Council,
Three Affiliated Tribes of
the Fort Berthold Reservation.