



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

A Resolution entitled, "Rename the Washington 'Redskins'"

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 Tribe 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, Article VI, Section 3(a) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically grants to the Tribal Business Council the power to employ legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, Native American tribes and communities have historically challenged the use of offensive, inaccurate, or ignorant depictions of Native Americans as mascots, logos, and sports team names; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the American Psychological Association, and in 2007 the American Sociological Association, called for the elimination of Native American mascots because of the harmful effects of racial stereotyping and inaccurate racial portrayals on the social identity development and self-esteem of American Indian youth; and

WHEREAS, the name of the professional football team, the Washington "Redskins", is highly offensive and demeaning to Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, numerous reference sources, scholarly articles and books describe the term "redskin" as a racial slur or epithet; and



WHEREAS, the original lyrics for “Hail to the Redskins” underscore the demeaning and offensive nature of the team (“Scalp 'em, swamp 'um; We will take 'um big score; Read 'um, Weep 'um, touchdown; We want heap more”); and

WHEREAS, the name “redskin” gives no honor or shows any respect to the First Peoples of this land but rather, in this day and age, is simply a racist reminder of the troubled past; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Association unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the NCAA’s policy eliminating the use of American Indian mascots; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal council calls on all tribal entities, schools, communities and allies to develop similar resolutions opposing the “Red Skins” nickname; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council wholeheartedly supports all efforts to rename the Washington “Redskins” and opposes the continued use of the same name.

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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, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 10th day of October, 2013, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of members, 6 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman Voting. Not Voting.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2013.

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary, V. Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes