



EXHIBIT 3
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HB 11

BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF NORTHERN MONTANA

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RESOLUTION
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of

BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, The Montana Department of Commerce's Treasure State Endowment Program has been an effective program to assist local governments in financing necessary improvements and upgrades to drinking water systems, wastewater systems and bridges; and

WHEREAS, The Treasure State Endowment Program was authorized by the Montana electorate through the passage of Legislative Referendum No. 110 in June, 1992; and

WHEREAS, The communities of Bear Paw Development's five-county Economic Development District have used the Treasure State Endowment Program extensively since its inception to help finance infrastructure priorities identified as important by local government officials; and

WHEREAS, Funding from the Treasure State Endowment Program has resulted in \$16,984,836 in planning and construction grants for infrastructure projects in Bear Paw Development's Economic Development District since the inception of the program, in the following manner:

- Blaine County -- \$3,164,814
- Chouteau County -- \$7,440,204
- Hill County -- \$4,427,218
- Liberty County -- \$365,100
- Phillips County -- \$1,587,500; and

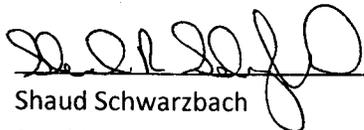
WHEREAS, Local governments must contribute matching funds of at least fifty percent of the overall cost of a project funded through the Treasure State Endowment Program; and

WHEREAS, The executive budget recommendation to the Montana Legislature for the 2013 biennium includes a transfer of \$18.5 million from the Treasure State Endowment Program to the general fund, which, by some estimates, could have an overall negative impact of 1,000 jobs lost and \$92 million not being invested in the Montana economy; and

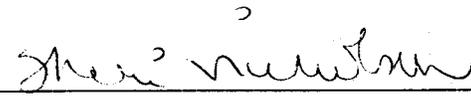
WHEREAS, Bear Paw Development Corporation is very concerned about this recommendation to not fund the Treasure State Endowment Program through this proposed fund transfer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Bear Paw Development Corporation strongly opposes the executive budget recommendation to transfer funding from the Treasure State Endowment Program to the state's general fund and urges the Montana Legislature to oppose such a transfer.

Passed by affirmative action of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting on December 16, 2010 in Havre, Montana.



Shaud Schwarzbach
President



Sheri Nicholson
Secretary

SIGNATURE ADDENDUM TO BPDC RESOLUTION

We, the undersigned members of Bear Paw Development Corporation's Board of Directors, agree with the resolution that was passed by the Board of Directors on December 16, 2010, that firmly opposes the recommended transfer of \$18.5 million in funding from the Treasure State Endowment Program to the state general fund.

SIGNATURE	NAME	REPRESENTING/AFFILIATION
<i>Kathy Bissette</i>	Kathy Bessette	Hell County
<i>Kenneth Evans</i>	Kenneth Evans	Chouteau County
<i>James H. Ghekier</i>	James Ghekier	Liberty County
<i>Richard Sawyer</i>	Richard Sawyer	Chippewa Cree Tribe
<i>Laura Lee Owen</i>	Laura Lee Owen	Town of Big Sandy
<i>John Sinclair</i>	JOHN SINCLAIR	Little Shell Tribe
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