



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #PHX-08-###

TITLE:

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, (*Summary of the Resolution - the "whereases" should include concise background information providing the reasoning for the position or actions that you want NCAI to take. Resolutions should be of a general nature to advocate the interests of all American Indians and Alaska Natives. Resolutions that take one side between two conflicting Tribes are not in order.*)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby (*Language should clearly identify what position or actions that you want NCAI to take*).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution; and (*This clause is optional, and should be adapted to reflect the time limited nature of resolutions regarding particular bills that will sunset if not passed by the end of the 109th Congress, annual appropriations measures, or issues or proposals that are at issue for a limited time only—e.g. This resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until the final adjournment of the 109th Congress; This resolution shall be the policy of NCAI through the end of Fiscal Year 2009; This resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until the aforementioned proposal is withdrawn from consideration by the Administration; etc.*).

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