



The National Congress of American Indians

2005 ANNUAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS



NCAI Resolutions:

The resolution process is one of the policy mechanisms used by NCAI to express the organizational positions on any federal, state, local, and/or tribal legislation, litigation or policy matters that affect the welfare and rights of American Indian and Alaska Native governments or communities. NCAI resolutions are very important to the national policy-making process in Washington, DC, and throughout the country, in letting decision-makers know that a large group of tribes – NCAI's members – have developed a consensus on issues affecting tribes. NCAI resolutions cover a broad range of topics and are important for the direction they provide to the organization.

Authorization to Submit Resolutions:

Only individual members and delegates/alternates in good standing are authorized to submit resolutions. The NCAI Resolutions Committee will verify membership of resolution sponsors.

NCAI Annual Resolutions Deadline:

In accordance with Section XIII of the Standing Rules of Order, **the deadline for resolution submissions is three weeks in advance of the Annual Session, which is October 7th, 2005.**

Resolutions will not be considered after this deadline unless they are determined by the Executive Committee to be of an extraordinary **emergency nature and national in scope**. This designation is reserved for resolutions dealing with issues that have arisen which could not have been anticipated before the resolution submission deadline. As always, resolutions must be of a general nature, advocating the best interests of all American Indians and Alaska Natives. Resolutions that take one side between two conflicting tribes are not in order.

Submission Guidelines:

Proposed resolutions must be submitted by an NCAI individual member in good standing and should be sent to NCAI Headquarters - attn: Amber Ebarb. Electronic documents in Microsoft Word are preferred, e-mail to aebarb@ncai.org. Resolution templates and submission forms are available at the NCAI website, www.ncai.org, under the [NCAI 2005 Annual Session](#) link.

If you have any questions regarding the resolutions process, contact the NCAI at 202-466-7767.