



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #TUL-05-079

TITLE: A Resolution to Support the Identifying of Ordinances or Creation of Ordinances that Address Illegal Drug Use, Fabrication, Paraphernalia, and Related Crimes in Indian Country

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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, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) represents the housing interests of American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and more than 248 tribally designated housing entities; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of NAIHC is to assist tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their self determined goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary, and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities and Alaska Native villages; and

WHEREAS, the NAIHC membership recognizes the alarming impact that methamphetamine is having on resources, families, children and homes within Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, NAIHC recognizes the need for creating laws and legislation to address the methamphetamine use, fabrication, and related crimes; and

WHEREAS, jurisdiction issues surround the enforcement of laws addressing methamphetamine related crimes; and

WHEREAS, laws and legislation have to be created to assist in providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing for tribal members; and

WHEREAS, NAIHC supports the creation of laws and legislation to address illegal drug use, fabrication, paraphernalia, and related crimes.

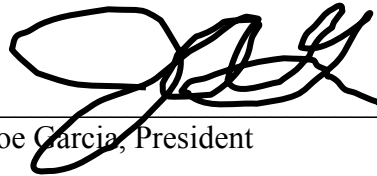
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council membership respectfully requests that the National Congress of American Indians work in collaboration with NAIHC to identify or create model ordinances that tribes may adopt to address illegal drug use, fabrication, paraphernalia, and related crimes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI membership direct NCAI to develop model ordinance and methods in addressing the illegal drug use, fabrication, paraphernalia, and related crimes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

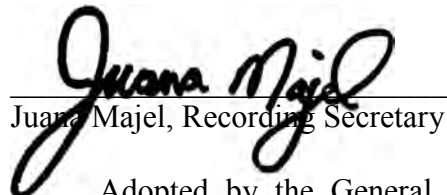
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2005 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the 62nd Annual Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 4, 2005 with a quorum present.



Joe Garcia, President

ATTEST:



Juana Majel, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2005 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians held from October 30, 2005 to November 4, 2005 at the Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.