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# The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ABQ-10-114

**TITLE: Training for Indian Performing Arts** 

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**, we recognize the contributions of Native American artists to our communities and daily life paths; and

**WHEREAS**, we realize the significance of these artists contributions reflecting our Indian reality in performance, song, writing, theater and music; and

**WHEREAS,** Indian Country has a significant number of trained Indians performing and usual artists who were impacted by the down turn in the economy; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Governments are major patrons of Indian artists and performance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NCAI supports the efforts of the performing arts to provide training for our Indian Youth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the NCAI urges tribes, organizations, consortiums to request and seek funds to allow this to happen; 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**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 by the General Assembly at the 2010 Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM on November 14-19, 2010, with a quorum present.

**ATTEST:** 

Recording Secretary