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The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #TUL-05-080

TITLE: A Resolution to Support the Education and Training of Tribal Communities on the Establishment of Coalitions and Partnerships to Address Methamphetamine and Other Controlled Substance Use, Fabrication, and Prevention in Indian Country

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, NAIHC recognizes a serious lack of education and resources addressing methamphetamine use and fabrication in Indian country; and

WHEREAS, NAIHC identifies the need to promote awareness of methamphetamine use, fabrication and prevention; and

WHEREAS, NAIHC identifies the need to educate Indian communities on the creation of coalitions and partnerships addressing the awareness of methamphetamine use, fabrication and prevention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI will join the National American Indian Housing Council to support the identification and attainment of resources for coalitions and partnerships established throughout the United States, including the Native American Rights Funds (NARF), addressing awareness of methamphetamine and other controlled substance use, fabrication and prevention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI will actively educate and train Indian communities in establishing coalitions and partnerships to create awareness of methamphetamine use, fabrication and prevention. The NCAI membership directs NCAI to develop model coalitions, partnerships and methods in addressing awareness of methamphetamine and other controlled substance use, fabrication and prevention; 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.

ATTEST:

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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.