



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution # DEN-07-038

TITLE: Request Government to Government Consultation with the United States Secretary of Commerce

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 United States Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau is responsible for the collection of population statistics for the United States; and

WHEREAS, the US Census Bureau's previous Decennial Census under-reports the population of American Indian and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the accuracy of the population data collected by the US Census Bureau is critical to inform applications for federal funds to accurately demonstrate the needs of Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, the US Census Bureau will be preparing for the upcoming Decennial Census in 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby request government to government consultation between the Indian tribes and the USDOC/US Census Bureau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians hereby calls for this consultation to be conducted as soon a possible; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution; and this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until the aforementioned proposal is conducted.

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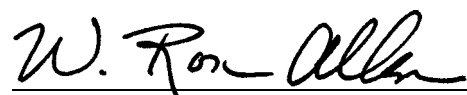
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2007 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado on November 11-16, 2007, with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary