



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #SAC-06-022

### TITLE: Support to Reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Indians through FY 2013

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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**, Congress established the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to provide for the prevention and treatment services to address the growing problem of diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people, which has now been extended and will expire in FY 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding from the SDPI provides a comprehensive source of funding to address diabetes issues in tribal communities by providing grants to 318 programs in 35 different states that successfully provide diabetes prevention and treatment services for AI/ANs and that have resulted in short-term, intermediate, and long-term positive outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the SDPI program is a critical component in the continuum of care provided to AI/AN people because it greatly enhances the effectiveness of other preventative health programs of the Indian Health Service (IHS) and address significant health disparities associated with diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, these critical programs expire October 1, 2008 and the important work to reauthorize the special statutory authority that provides funding for SDPI programs must begin immediately.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby support legislation that reauthorizes the Special Diabetes Program for Indians to build upon the accomplishments achieved to date; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NCAI supports preliminary objectives for reauthorization as follows: (1) \$200 million a year for a period of five years (FY 2009 – FY 2013); (2) that funding allocations for the newly authorized program be made through Tribal Consultation; and, (3) that funding provided by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians be subject to contracting requirements of P.L. 93-638; and

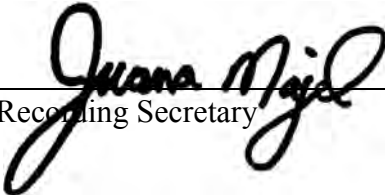
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2006 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, California on October 1-6, 2006, with a quorum present.

  
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Recording Secretary