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RESOLUTION #SD-02-085

Title: Requesting Expansion of the Demonstration Project Programs to Include Accessing Aging Services Under All Other Titles of the Older Americans Act

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 and their way of life, 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 Department of Health and Human Services under Title VI of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act is recommending to Congress tribal self-governance Demonstration Projects that include grants for Native Americans under the Administration on Aging; and

WHEREAS, many self-governance tribes receive Title VI grants under the Older Americans Act find that the funds are inadequate to meet the needs of American Indian elders; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through other titles of the Older Americans Act and each state has the authority to determine whether or not the funding is allotted to tribes; and

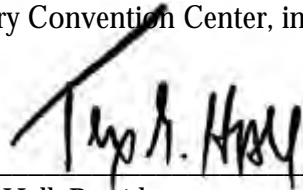
WHEREAS, some tribes choose not to access that funding because it limits their cultural rights and sovereignty, increases reporting and other bureaucratic requirements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby request that all titles of the Older Americans Act be included in the Self-Governance Demonstration Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2002 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Town and Country Convention Center, in San Diego, California on November 10-15, 2002 with a quorum present.



Tex Hall, President

ATTEST:



Juana Majel, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2002 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Town and Country Convention Center, in San Diego, California on November 10-15, 2002.