



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #FTL-04-053

Title: A Resolution Supporting Western Shoshone Efforts to Acquire a Land Base and Urging the Congress and President to Pass Legislation Providing the Western Shoshone Land

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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 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, in 2002, the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest and largest national organization of American Indians and Alaska Native tribal governments adopted Resolution # SD-02-017 in support of the United States making a legislative commitment to enter into land talks with the Western Shoshone Nation; and

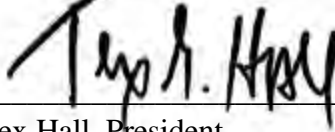
WHEREAS, the NCAI adopted Resolution MOH-04-010 at its Mid-Year Conference at Uncasville, Connecticut this year to reaffirm its support of the Western Shoshone; and

WHEREAS, the Congress enacted P.L.108-270 to effect a distribution of judgment funds but without addressing the issue of acquisition of further land.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support Western Shoshone efforts to acquire a land base for their economic development and social welfare and well-being within traditional and ancestral Western Shoshone lands described in the 1863 Ruby Valley Treaty and calls upon the Congress and President to pass and sign legislation providing the Western Shoshone land.

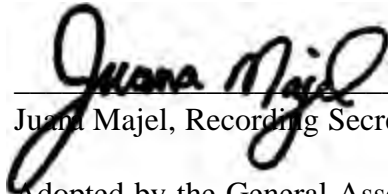
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2004 Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Broward County Convention Center, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida October 10-15, 2004 with a quorum present.



Tex Hall, President

ATTEST:



Juana Majel, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2004 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Broward County Convention Center, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida October 10-15, 2004.