



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ABQ-10-023

### **TITLE: Calling upon Increased Attention to Regional Tribal Health Emergencies from Indian Health Service**

**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 White Mountain Apache Tribe has contacted Indian Health Service (IHS) requesting assistance with epidemic of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and was turned down; and

**WHEREAS**, the outbreak of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is not isolated to the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, IHS has a responsibility to address the regional, as well as the national health needs of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI call upon the IHS to pay increased attention to health emergencies in our tribal region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NCAI should specifically request assistance from IHS with the epidemic of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever as reported by several tribes; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution, or until the policy objective of this Resolution is accomplished.

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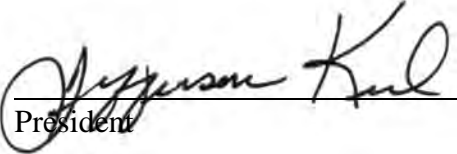
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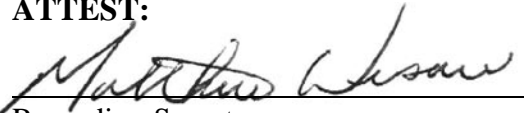
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**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2010 Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM on November 14-19, 2010, with a quorum present.

  
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Recording Secretary