



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #TUL-05-033

TITLE: Reaffirms Tribal Funding Priorities for Welfare Reform Reauthorization

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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, the United States Congress has introduced H.R. 240, the "Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act 2005" and S. 667 the "Personal Responsibility and Individual Development for Everyone Act" known as "Pride;" and

WHEREAS, NCAI's Resolution #04-86 "Reintroduction of the American Indian Welfare Reform Act," specifically outlined its support of provisions in proposed legislation prioritizing funds for economic development, Tribal capacity building, training and technical assistance for Tribal TANF Programs; and

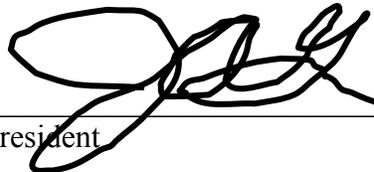
WHEREAS, NCAI does not support data collection on the members of American Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives without the approval of our sovereign tribal governments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does support the commitment of funds to the Tribal priorities of economic development, Tribal capacity building, training and technical assistance for all Tribes stated in H.R. 240 and S. 667 and the funding thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

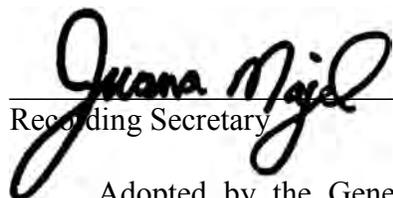
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2005 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the 62nd Annual Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 4, 2005 with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2005 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians held from October 30, 2005 to November 4, 2005 at the Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.