



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #SAC-06-008

TITLE: Reaffirmation of Support for the 2010 US Census

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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 Census is mandated by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the US Population is enumerated every 10 years and census data are used to allocate Congressional seats, electoral votes, and is the basis for funding allocations for federally funded programs; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for Indian schools, Indian education programs, Indian health programs, Indian housing programs, water and sewage projects, roads and economic development are based on data collected by the US Census bureau every ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of congressional seats across the United States are directly tied to data collected by the US Census.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby reaffirm its support for the 2010 US Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby reaffirm its support for the full funding of the American Community Survey, the Census Bureau's partnerships, collaborations and extensive outreach efforts in Indian communities, throughout the United States, with regards to the implementation of all census programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the president of the NCAI shall transmit this resolution to the President of the United States, the Co-Chairs of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Secretary of the US Department of Commerce and the Director of the US Census Bureau; 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 63rd 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.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary