



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #PDX-11-032

TITLE: Full Federal Funding of Tribal TANF

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 Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANFs) clients are among the most difficult to serve clients due to a high rate of unemployment, substance abuse, domestic violence and other social issues; and

WHEREAS, tribal populations lack in opportunities for education and vocational training, especially due to their remote locations; and

WHEREAS, the tribal TANFs of our nations are located in areas where populations cannot support industry, no matter how small; and

WHEREAS, even where commerce is possible jobs are lost in the smallest shifts to economic instability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI calls on the U.S. Congress to fully fund all tribal TANFs to the equivalent of Federal Funds as combined with federally required State Maintenance of Efforts Funds (MOE) as a part of the Reauthorization of Tribal TANF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2011 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon on October 30 – November 4, 2011, with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary