



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #FTL-04-072

### **TITLE: A Resolution Requesting that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Allow the Seminole Nation to Draw Down Money from the Seminole Nation Judgment Fund Without Sanctions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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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

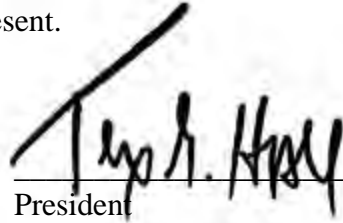
**WHEREAS**, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bureau of Indian Affairs has placed sanctions on the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma affecting the timely draw down of funds from their Judgment Fund. A draw down is only allowed on a quarterly basis because of past due tribal government audits and not Judgment Fund Audits. The Nation should have the ability to access their own funds and not be sanctioned, because the Judgment Fund audits are up-to-date.

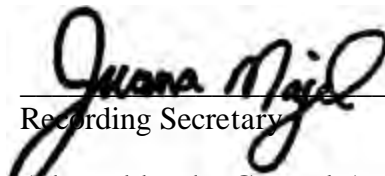
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby agree that the Seminole Nation Judgment Fund money should be made available to the Seminole Nation without Bureau of Indian Affairs sanctions and the Bureau of Indian Affairs remove all sanctions pertaining to Judgment Fund money held in trust for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2004 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL on October 15, 2004 with a quorum present.

  
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2004 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held from October 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.