



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #FTL-04-012

### TITLE: Code Talkers: Promotion of Rank

**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 NCAI recognizes the many Tribal members across the United States that have served as the secret warriors in World War I and World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, to all the American Indian Veterans that have served as Code Talkers for the United States Armed Forces in major campaigns in World War I and World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code Talkers were in a highly classified service to the United States of America and their lives placed in the hands of their commanders who in turn were given orders to shoot to kill these brave men if capture was imminent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code Takers served on ships and in jungles in some of the most intense firefights risking their live as all American fighting men and women do, for this extra call to duty and the countless lives that were saved, both American and allied, the service of the Code Talkers was instrumental in ensuring victory.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby request the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Interior, and the Pentagon to award a grade in rank for all Code Talker alive and deceased; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the appropriate branch of service be directed to deliver the promotion in rank to the surviving families and those Code Talkers that are alive be given a proper ceremony by the appropriate branch of service for this promotion of rank.

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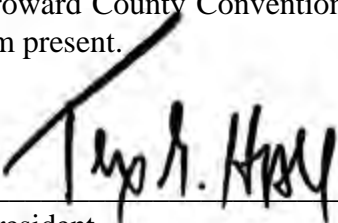
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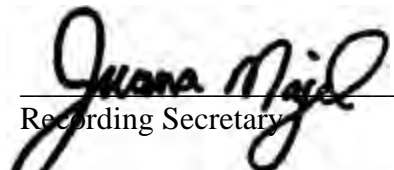
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**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida on October 10-15, 2004 with a quorum present.

  
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 61<sup>st</sup> 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.