



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #DEN-07-075

TITLE: Supporting Amending the Native American Bank Act to Establish De Novo Bank Branches Inside the Reservation Areas of Federally Recognized Tribes around the Country

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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, many reservations currently are underserved by our banking system, which has limited economic development and opportunities on reservations; and

WHEREAS, the National Native American Economic Development Report recognizes that many legislative instruments related to banking defer regulatory authority to the states; and

WHEREAS, tribal sovereignty is undermined under National Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 36) because only state legislators are granted the authority to determine whether national banks are permitted to branch on reservations; and

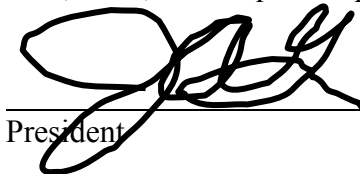
WHEREAS the National Native American Economic Development Report recognizes that that current banking laws precludes Tribes from deciding whether banks can operate on their lands and have the ability to choose banks that are responsive to member and tribal needs.

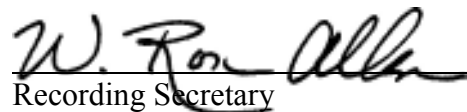
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby encourage the United States Congress to enact legislation in the 110th Congress that would allow federally recognized Tribal Governments to enact ordinances allowing national banks located elsewhere to establish new branches on reservations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution or until the final adjournment of the 110th Congress.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2007 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado on November 11-16, 2007, with a quorum present.



President**ATTEST:**

Recording Secretary