



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #GBW-05-006

TITLE: Resolution to Oppose H.R. 2353 and Any Moratorium on Indian Gaming

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 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act was enacted to promote tribal economic development, self-sufficiency and strong tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes use governmental revenue generated by Indian gaming to build tribal government and community infrastructure, such as schools, health clinics, water and sanitation systems, and roads, to fund essential tribal government services, including education, after school programs, health care, police and fire services, child care and elderly nutrition, and charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2005, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held an oversight hearing on Indian gaming regulation; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2005, Congressman Mike Rogers (R-MI) introduced H.R. 2353 to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA); and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2005, Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) sent a letter to the President requesting that an Executive Order be issued declaring a two-year moratorium on the opening of any tribal gaming operation; and

WHEREAS, nationwide tribal governments paid over \$290 million last year to regulate Indian gaming to include: \$228 million for tribal government regulation; \$55 million to reimburse state regulatory agencies for their regulation of Indian gaming; and \$12 million for the NIGC federal regulation of Indian gaming (including over \$1 million for background checks and fingerprint processing; and

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WHEREAS, nationwide over 3,380 tribal, state, and federal regulators are employed to regulate Indian gaming including FBI and U.S. Justice Department officials who have authority to investigate and prosecute theft from Indian gaming facilities or theft from tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, tribal gaming regulatory agencies employ state-of-the-art surveillance and security equipment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby oppose H.R. 2353; and

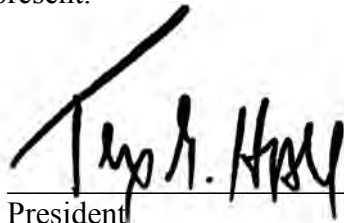
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the the NCAI does hereby call upon United States Congress to fully take account of the significant personnel, government infrastructure, financial and technical resources that gaming tribes have invested in the successful regulation of Indian gaming and hold an additional oversight hearings on Indian gaming regulation to review the success of tribal government regulation as well as the existing total of tribal, Federal, and state resources dedicated to the regulation of Indian gaming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the the NCAI opposes any call for a moratorium on Indian gaming and does hereby respectfully request that the President reject any such calls for an Executive Order placing a moratorium on Indian gaming; and

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

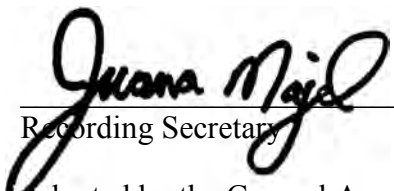
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2005 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin held from June 12–15, 2005 with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2005 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Green Bay, in Green Bay, Wisconsin.