The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #SAC-06-010

TITLE: Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place

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 Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place (Wakpa) was authorized by Congress in 2000 in Title IV, Public Law 106-568 to:

1. enhance the knowledge and understanding of the history of Native Americans;
2. to assist with economic development of the Great Sioux Nation; and
3. to improve and support the court systems of the tribes in the Great Sioux Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has appropriated $8 million to build the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, $18 million has been authorized to complete Wakpa; and

WHEREAS, NCAI strongly supports the Wakpa concept and project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby urge Congress to appropriate such funds as are necessary to finish the Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place; 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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 2006 63rd Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, California on October 1-6, 2006, with a quorum present.

President

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary