



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #FTL-04-023

### TITLE: SBA Economic/Business Development Training Technical Assistance Funding for Tribal Business Information Centers

**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 lack of economic development has lead to consistent high rates of unemployment and great hardship for Indian people on many reservations, with unemployment rates grossly exceeding the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, various programs have been enacted, such as the BIA Economic Development Office, which allows businesses owned by Indian tribes and Indian individuals to take advantage of opportunities for business development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has created Tribal Business Information Centers (TBIC) on Indian reservations providing services for business on reservations and providing business opportunities for Indian and Tribal owned businesses; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCAI does hereby support this resolution and urges the SBA, the United States Congress, and the Administration to appropriate such funding as deemed necessary to the Small Business Administration Office of Native American Affairs for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance, and for the development and expansion of TBIC's.

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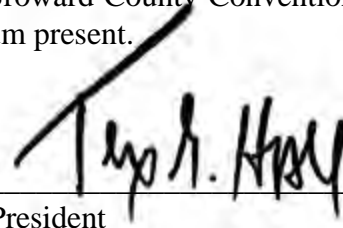
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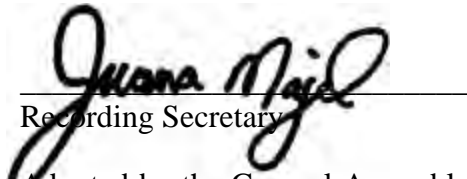
**CERTIFICATION**

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 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.