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RESOLUTION #SD-02-095

Title: Support for California Senate Bill 1828: Historical Resources Native American Sacred Sites: Mining

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 and their way of life, 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 cultural, spiritual, and religious importance of Native American sacred sites to Native American people and thus supports the preservation and protection of such sacred sites in each of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI recognizes that many sacred sites have in the past and continue to fall victim to desecration and destruction by certain development projects; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI recognizes that in California there is currently a lack of laws protecting sacred sites from development; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI also recognizes that SB 1828, which was passed in the California Senate and the House but was vetoed by the Governor of California in 2002, would provide protection for sacred sites in California for sacred sites from certain development; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI recognizes that The Coyote Band of Pomo Indians is a federally recognized Tribe Located in California; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI acknowledges that The Coyote Band of Pomo Indians is working with the Tribes of the NCAI Sacramento Regional Caucus to support the protection and preservation of sacred sites in California.

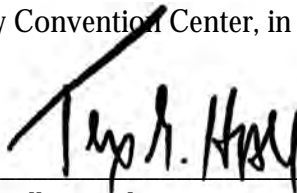
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the Coyote Band of Pomo Indians' and the NCAI Sacramento Regional Caucus' efforts to pass Senate Bill 1828 providing protection for sacred sites in California from certain development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI support of these efforts shall be subject to approval of final language of the Bill by the NCAI Sacramento Regional Caucus; 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 2002 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Town and Country Convention Center, in San Diego, California on November 10-15, 2002 with a quorum present.



Tex Hall, President

ATTEST:



Juana Majel, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2002 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Town and Country Convention Center, in San Diego, California on November 10-15, 2002.