



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #PDX-11-064

TITLE: Support for the “Tribal Clean Energy Resource Center”

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, Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), at the request of tribal leaders from: the Navajo Nation, Hopi Nation, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Osage Nation, Penobscot Tribe, Pueblo of Jemez and the Campo Tribe of Kumeyaay Indians; and tribal organizations and agencies including the: Council of Energy Resource Tribes, National Tribal Environmental Council, Inter-Tribal Council on Utility Policy, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs, Arizona Association for Economic Development-Tribal Economic Development Committee and the National Wildlife Federation, assisted in developing a proposal entitled, “Tribal Clean Energy Resource Center” (TCERC); and

WHEREAS, the TCERC proposal’s mission is to *foster the transition of Native American tribes and Alaska Native Villages from fossil fuel to renewable energy through research and development of clean energy technologies*; and

WHEREAS, the TCERC Advisory Committee and both internal and external partners understand many tribes are heavily dependent on fossil fuel based energy and want to assist tribes to transition to cleaner technology and renewable energy systems to improve the economic and environmental health of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the TCERC proposal will provide tribes and tribal organizations with technical assistance, policy analysis, business planning and analysis, internships, training and professional development and institutional support from NAU; and

WHEREAS, NAU and ITEP, on behalf of the requesting tribal leaders and organizations, will be pursuing funding from private industry, foundations and various federal agencies; and

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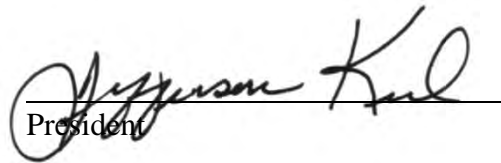
WHEREAS, the TCERC proposal will not be in competition with any funding directed for tribes and tribal government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI supports the Tribal Clean Energy Resource Center position to protect tribal sovereignty, governmental status, self-determination, health and welfare of participating tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 by the General Assembly at the 2011 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon on October 30 – November 4, 2011, with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary