



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ATL-14-002

TITLE: Support for the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act

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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, NCAI Resolution #TUL-13-059 supports the tourism projects and initiatives of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, which create economic development and employment across Indian Country while preserving and highlighting our cultures, languages, and traditional lifeways; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for legislation designed to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would accelerate Native American community development, increase international tourism to the United States and recognize the value of Indian Country participation in international tourism promotion; and

WHEREAS, Indian Country is ready to advance tourism projects and initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI encourages Congress to pass legislation to enhance community development, recognize and encourage Native American tribal participation in tourism, and provide permanent funding mechanisms for technical assistance to advance economic development in Indian Country for tribes engaged in tourism; 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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 2014 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, October 26-31, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia, with a quorum present.


President

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary