Title: Demand for an Independent Investigation of the Death of US Army Sergeant Alan Two Crow at West Point Military Academy

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, Sergeant Alan Two Crow, a Military Police Officer at West Point Military Academy, and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal member, was reported “missing” from West Point Military Academy on or about July 13, 2002; in August his Military Police Commander changed his status to “AWOL”; and on September 21, 2002, Sgt. Two Crow’s badly decomposed body was found by three civilians right there on the Base just several hundred feet behind family housing; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Two Crow’s family has been unable to ever get a clear story on what happened to Sgt. Two Crow, who was with him, who organized the search for him, why they stopped searching, and West Point officials instantly ruled his death to be accidental from a fall, without contacting the family first, without allowing family representatives to participate in the autopsy, and even though there is an open and on-going investigation into foul play by West Point’s Criminal Investigative Division; and
WHEREAS, Army Medical Examiner’s autopsy results show that Sgt. Two Crow’s only injuries were a subluxation of his neck and a missing upper front right tooth, and he did not have a single broken bone in his body, despite West Point’s assertions that he accidentally fell from a small rocky area; and

WHEREAS, the Two Crow Family had a second autopsy conducted, which confirmed that Sgt. Two Crow’s only injuries were a subluxation of his neck and a missing upper front right tooth, and this makes it extremely unlikely that he could have fallen in that small rocky area; and

WHEREAS, the subluxation of Sgt. Two Crow’s neck, a twist to the right of 110 degrees, is more consistent with a military method of killing someone instantly, which was demonstrated to Tribal and family representatives by Military Police Personnel on West Point; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Two Crow’s missing upper front right tooth has never been found, and the toxicology results from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner’s Office show that Sgt. Two Crow did not have medication, alcohol, or drugs in his bloodstream, and therefore it is extremely unlikely that his death was accidental; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Two Crow’s death continues to be the subject of further run-around, misinformation, and cover up by the West Point Officials and their investigators, a repeat of the botched search, the fact that he was found by civilians sent by the Two Crow family 67 days after he mysteriously disappeared on the Base, plus the bad press and insinuations that the family was hiding him on the Reservation during the time West Point officials insisted that he was “missing”; and

WHEREAS, the Two Crow family has suffered greatly from the mistreatment by West Point Officials since Sgt. Alan Two Crow allegedly “disappeared” from West Point on July 13, 2002, and Sgt. Two Crow was not found by West Point Officials, despite repeated statements that West Point conducted a thorough search with 40 soldiers for 3 days with 14 canines and a helicopter, although West Point Officials later changed these numbers without providing backup documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Two Crow family’s prayers to find Sgt. Two Crow were answered when three private citizens searched West Point on Saturday September 21, 2002, and within 2 hours found Sgt. Two Crow’s badly decomposed body in a clearing behind family housing near a playground right on West Point Military Academy, and without their help West Point would never have found Sgt. Two Crow, a man of impeccable stature who had an excellent military record and 12 years of perfect attendance in High School; and

WHEREAS, West Point Officials visited the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation where they met with the family and Tribal Officials on October 1, 2002, and these West Point Officials agreed they would request the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct an independent investigation into Sgt. Two Crow’s untimely death; and
WHEREAS, West Point Officials have failed to provide documentation to the Two Crow family, and the Criminal Investigative Division has refused to do so despite three Freedom of Information requests from the Two Crow Family to date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the request of the Two Crow Family and of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and demands that West Point Military Academy Officials honor their agreement with the Two Crow family and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Representatives that West Point will request the F.B.I. to conduct an independent investigation into Sgt. Alan Two Crow's death on the Base at West Point, and will do so in writing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI shall immediately forward this Resolution with a cover letter asking for a joint F.B.I./O.I.G. independent investigation into Sgt. Two Crow's death to the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense O.I.G., Secretary of the Army, Army Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Attorney General, F.B.I. Headquarters, Commandant for West Point Military Academy Lt. General William Lennox; and to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the 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