



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #SAC-12-060

TITLE: Supporting All Alaska Native Tribal Members Born After 1971 to be Automatically Enrolled to Village and Regional Corporations

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 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) did not account for future generations of Tribal Citizens to be included in its provisions, thereby excluding all Tribal Citizens born after 1971 from receiving shares in Alaska Native Village and Regional Corporations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has trust responsibility for our Tribal Citizens, and the capacity through its plenary power to enact legislation to correct this injustice by automatically enrolling our Tribal Citizens born after 1971 into our ANCSA Village and Regional corporations; and

WHEREAS, shareholders were determined using our Tribal Rolls, and the determination of Native American heritage; and

WHEREAS, the exclusion of some of our Tribal Members from ANCSA Corporations due to arbitrary birth date divides our society unjustly, and serves to create two classes within our Tribes; and

WHEREAS, all 42 Tribes of the Tanana Chiefs Conference have unanimously passed a resolution in supporting the inclusion of those born after 1971, TCC Resolution 2011- 17.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI requests that the United States Congress, through the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Indian Affairs, immediately draft and adopt legislation correcting this injustice by automatically enrolling our Tribal Members born after 1971 concurrently as shareholders in their Village and Regional Corporations upon enrollment in their tribe; 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 2012 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Sacramento Convention Center from October 21-26, 2012 in Sacramento, California, with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary