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Title: Requesting HUD Secretary to Select an American Indian or Alaska Native For Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Native American Programs

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 position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs under Public and Indian Housing at the Department of Housing and Urban Development has remained vacant for over a year; and

WHEREAS, the Department of HUD has embarked on a third search for a new Deputy Assistant Secretary; and

WHEREAS, to continue to have an effective relationship between tribal governments, Tribally Designated Housing Entities and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, it is in the best interest to continue to fill the Deputy Assistant Secretary position with an American Indian or Alaska Native.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby request that Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, select

a qualified American Indian or Alaska Native for the Deputy Assistant Secretary position for the Office of Native American Programs; in the order to move forward with the business of Indian housing programs without further delay; 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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Bismarck Civic Center, in Bismarck, North Dakota on June 16-19, 2002 with a quorum present.



Tex Hall, President

ATTEST:



Colleen Cawston, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2002 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Bismarck Civic Center, in Bismarck, North Dakota on June 16-19, 2002.