

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-004

Title: Support for New Muckleshoot Indian Tribal School

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 Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, a federally recognized tribe in Washington State, has established and maintains a tribal school that currently provides education to Indian children in grades kindergarten through high school to meet the unique educational needs of Muckleshoot tribal children that were not being met in the public school system; and

WHEREAS, the current buildings that house the Muckleshoot Tribal School have exceeded their useful life; are inadequate and in many respects are in a physical condition that is not conducive to providing the best educational experience for Indian children attending the school; and

WHEREAS, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe has prepared an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for funding that will allow the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to replace its existing school facilities in order to meet the educational needs of its members and other Indian children on and near the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe reservation; and

WHEREAS, the funding of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's funding request will allow the tribe to construct and tribal school to provide the best education for Indian students from the reservation and surrounding areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the efforts of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to secure funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to replace its existing Tribal School facilities, and further supports the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's application for funding and urges the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve the submitted application.

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 58th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Spokane Convention Center, in Spokane, Washington on November 25-30, 2001 with a quorum present.

Tex Hall, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Cawston, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 58th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Spokane Convention Center, in Spokane, Washington on November 25-30, 2001.