

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS**

**RESOLUTION #SPO-01-055**

**Title: Support for Increasing Indian Teachers/Administrators in all Public School Systems**

**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 majority of American Indian/Alaska Native students in grades K-12 attend the nation's public school system; and

**WHEREAS**, NCAI recognizes the importance of having role models in schools that reflect the diversity of the United States, particularly having American Indian/Alaska Native role models in the classroom and in leadership positions, especially in schools that serve American Indian and Alaska Native students; and

as an example of this disparity, in the state of Montana, only 1.9% of the certified classroom teachers are American Indian, yet the enrollment in the public school system is approximately 11% in the grades K-8 and 9% in grades 9-12 ; and

NCAI believes that this disparity exists in most states where American Indians and Alaska Natives reside; and

NCAI believes it is important that efforts be put forth to increase the number of American Indian/Alaska Native teachers and administrators in the nation's public school systems.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

inequity exists in the state of Montana is similar in other states and present that report to its membership progress report within a year; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,**

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 58<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Tex Hall, President

**ATTEST:**

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Colleen Cawston, Recording Secretary

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