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### RESOLUTION #SPO-01-002

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#### Title: Identifying Hate Groups

**WHEREAS**, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians in our distinct territories, 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**, all Indigenous Native Cultures are threatened by the existence of hatemongering groups; and

**WHEREAS**, local hate groups have joined forces with known national anti-Indian figures and organizations to form a nationwide network; and

**WHEREAS**, the specific intent of this network is to eliminate Indian governments, societies, and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups operate through local, state, and national political elected officials to influence policy and legislative changes that would reduce and eliminate sovereign and treaty rights; and

**WHEREAS**, among the goal of these groups is to eliminate the avenues of revenue that sustain and provide for the welfare of Indian nations and their memberships; and

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**WHEREAS**, the documented tactics that these groups employ are similar to those historically visited upon other groups such as Africans, Jews, Latinos, and Asians, including economic boycotts, spying, public ridicule, ethnic slurs, and threats of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups exist throughout Indian country include, but are not limited to the Upstate Citizens for Equality (UCE) who have joined forces with Citizens for Equal Rights Alliance and United Property Owners; and

**WHEREAS**, hate crimes are also committed against American Indians/Alaska Natives by individuals not associated with organized hate groups.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI deplors, does not tolerate, and condemns the actions of the UCE as a hate group and all such hate groups; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NCAI support the condemnation and deplore acts of individuals or groups committing hate crimes as well; and

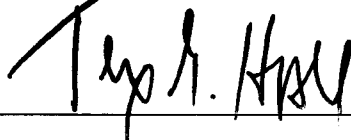
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NCAI will provide information to the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, to the media and to advocate organizations against hate crimes to expose the hate crime acts and perpetrators; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all hate groups be condemned by all those who stand for freedom and tolerance.

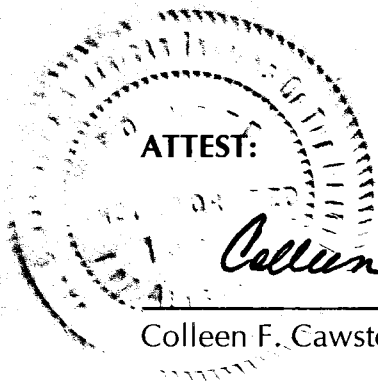
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 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.



Tex Hall, President



Colleen F. 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.