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### RESOLUTION #SPO-01-003

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### Title: NCAI Support for Congressional Funding for the Replacement of Dormitory in the Ramah Navajo Community

**WHEREAS**, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians in our own 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**, the Ramah Navajo Community is in need of a new 100-student-capacity dormitory to replace the current Ramah Dormitory, which has served as the residence for approximately 80 students annually for the past 45 years, but which has been declared unsafe for habitation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the BIA, which had initially provided funding for a 70-student dormitory, has since acknowledged the need for the 100-student dormitory; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$918,000 additional funding needed for a 100-student dormitory can be added to the BIA budget through appropriate legislation.

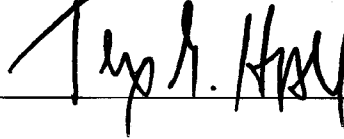
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby support the position of the Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc., and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in urging Congress to authorize and appropriate an additional \$918,000 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' budget for construction of a 100-student Replacement Pine Hill School Dormitory on the Ramah Navajo Reservation.

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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

ATTEST:



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.