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RESOLUTION #SPO-01-020

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Title: Request for NCAI Support of EDA

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, unemployment rates in Indian Country far exceed the national average, while per capita income falls far below the national average; and

WHEREAS, job creation activities and infrastructure development are critical in helping tribes to address the problems of high unemployment and below average income; and

WHEREAS, many tribes across the nation are pursuing critically needed manufacturing development projects with the common goal of increased tribal self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), has demonstrated its responsiveness to tribal request for financial assistance to economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the economic development needs of eligible Indian tribes far outstrip the resources available through EDA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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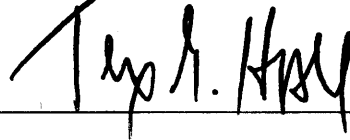
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support this resolution for an immediate and significant increase of \$300 million of the federal appropriations budget to the Economic Development Administration so that EDA, in turn, can provide increased financial assistance to tribal economic development and planning projects to include tribal manufacturing; 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 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 F. 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.