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RESOLUTION #SPO-01-034

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Title: Resolution of Support for the Muhheconneuk Intertribal Committee on Deer Island's Indian Community Meetings Proposal

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 Penobscot Nation and other tribes indigenous to the northeastern coastal region were part of the historic Muhheconnew / Mahingan (Loup/Wolf) National Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, the Penobscot Nation and other tribes indigenous to the northeastern coastal region are today participant tribes in the Muhheconneuk Intertribal Committee on Deer Island; and

WHEREAS, the Muhheconneuk Intertribal Committee on Deer Island (MICDI) on November 22, 2000 released a proposal for the U.S. National Park Service (NPS) to visit 23 Indian reservations/reserve/communities, known as the MICDI Indian Community Meetings Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Penobscot Nation and many other Indian tribes are in strong support of the MICDI Indian Community Meetings Proposal and have passed tribal/band resolutions of support for the implementation of this proposal.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby call upon the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Planning Committee and Partnership to pass statements of support of the MICDI Indian Community Meeting Proposal, urging the NPS to adopt that proposal; and

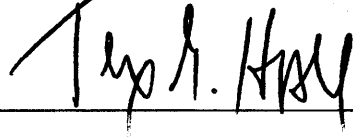
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI calls upon the NPS to adopt the MICDI Indian Community Meetings Proposal and begin preparations to therein, and hold Draft General Management Plan Community input meetings at each reservation/reserve/community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI calls upon the NPS to work closely with MICDI Coordinator John Sam Sapiel to implement the MICDI Indian Community Meetings Proposal, including the development of the time table of the community meetings; 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.