

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-057

Title: Pacific Northwest Indian Education Summit Position Statement

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 mission of the Northwest Indian Education Summit shall be to provide Tribal Leaders, Educators and Parents the opportunity to directly communicate with Federal and State Officials representing the interest of Indian Education, addressing current and future developments in legislation, policy and appropriations and to share in dialogue about critical issues that affect Indian Education; and

WHEREAS, all participants of the Northwest Indian Education Summit will be recognized and be included in debate, comment and opinions regarding Federal Congressional and Executive actions related to the agenda of each Summit; and

WHEREAS, the primary focus of the Northwest Indian Education Summit is to gather and share relevant and current legislative information, policies and regulatory issues affecting Indian Education. As a result of the Summit, a position paper shall be developed and will be forwarded to all organizations and associations affecting, influencing or concerned with Indian issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the Pacific Northwest Indian Education Summit's Position Statement and the intent of the Summit participants to enhance Indian Education through strong government-to-government relations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the NCAI to forward the Pacific Northwest Indian Education Summit Position Statement to organizations and associations affecting, influencing and concerned with Indian Education issues, specifically the National Indian Education Association.

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 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.