

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-059

Title: Buy Indian Act

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, Congress enacted the Buy Indian Act to promote opportunities for Indian Nations to do business with the Department of the Interior, and the Act was intended to apply throughout the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Indian Arts and Crafts Act to promote the market for Indian Arts and Crafts; and

WHEREAS, National parks are located on aboriginal Indian lands, and should reflect the history and culture of the Indian Tribes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby call upon the Secretary of the Interior to apply the Buy Indian Act throughout the Department of Interior as originally intended, and if the Secretary fails to do so, NCAI calls upon Congress to clarify its intent that the Buy Indian Act should apply throughout the Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI calls upon Congress to reserve ten percent (10%) of the concession space at each National park for the arts, crafts, and products of the Indian Tribes upon whose aboriginal lands the parks are located; 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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 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.