

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS**

**RESOLUTION #SPO-01-065**

**Title: Support for Douglas Indian Association Justice Claim for Village Destruction and for Request to Have Federal Lands Transferred from the Tongass National Forest to the Tribe**

**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 Douglas Indian Association is a member of the National Congress of American Indians and is in attendance at its 2001 convention, and asks that the NCAI support ongoing claims of justice for destruction of the Douglas Indian Village as well as the Tribe's quest to have Taku River lands transferred from the Tongass National Forest to the Douglas Indian Association.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, hereby support the Douglas Indian Association claims for justice and quest for a return of traditional tribal homelands on the Taku River.

**CERTIFICATION**

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.

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Tex Hall, President

**ATTEST:**

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Colleen 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.