

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-066

Title: Support for the Director of the Indian Health Service

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, Dr. Michael Trujillo, the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), has established a record of being responsive to tribal concerns and has consistently engaged in a policy of consultation and partnership with tribes and tribal organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Trujillo has expressed a desire to continue to serve tribes in the capacity of Director of the Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Trujillo, as the Director of the IHS, has demonstrated a strong commitment to the health and well-being of tribes and tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Trujillo, enjoys the support of most tribal leaders including the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee and the NCAI; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Trujillo's term will expire in 2002.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the reappointment of Dr. Trujillo, and recommends that his term as the Director of the IHS be extended for another four years.

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.