

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-067

Title: Support for Recommendation to Dr. Trujillo to Make No Changes to Major Funding Formulas in FY 2002

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 in FY 2001 workgroups developed recommendations on funding formulas for the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund, and the Contract Health Services Funding formula and revised the Diabetes Funding Formula; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2001 workgroups involved a great deal of expense in financial resources and the time of tribal leaders; and

WHEREAS, the current funding formulas should remain in place in order to determine their utility and need for possible revision in future years; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory has written to Dr. Trujillo to recommend that there be no changes to major funding formulas including the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund, the Diabetes Funding Formula, the Contract Health Services Funding formula; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee has also recommended no changes to the Diabetes Funding Formula for FY 2002; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby

recommend to Dr. Trujillo to make no changes to the major funding formulas in the distribution of the FY 2002 IHS appropriation.

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.