

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS**

**RESOLUTION #SPO-01-068**

**Title: Moving the IHS Budget From Interior Appropriations Sub-Committee to the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Sub-Committee**

**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 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest and largest national organization established in 1944 and comprised of representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and local Tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Labor, Health & Human Service and Education (LHE) Sub-Committee handles health care bills, and thus it understands problems related to health, for instance, medical inflationary rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the LHE Sub-Committee has received larger increases than Interior, over the past 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the LHE Sub-Committee usually has members that are more liberal since many of its programs fund liberal concerns regarding health and welfare issues.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby support moving the Indian Health Service Budget from the Interior Appropriations Sub-Committee to the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Sub-Committee; 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**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 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.