

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS**

**RESOLUTION #SPO-01-069**

**Title: Support for the National Component of the Western Tribal Diabetes Project**

**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 health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of NCAI; and

there is a nationwide need for improved diabetes data surveillance and monitoring; and

less than half of Indian Country has epidemiology centers available to develop diabetes data; and

the Western Tribal Diabetes Project (WTDP) is a program administered by Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board; and

the strategies and tools developed and evaluated by WTDP have served to build capacity among Northwest and California American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) tribes for improved ability to track, monitor, and use accurate health data for diabetes and its associated complications; and

current health information available to describe rates of diabetes and

**WHEREAS,**

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WTDP serves as a model throughout Indian Country for data improvement and capacity building among tribes; and

the Indian Health Service National Diabetes Program (IHS NDP) has requested that NPAIHB develop “Train the Trainer” modules and demonstration projects for diabetes data improvement among three AI/AN regional support centers; and

WTDP has developed a scope of work and time line to support the demonstration component of WTDP; and

the IHS NDP has set aside funds for the NPAIHB to support the national scope of the WTDP.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

**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.