

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-071

Title: Support for the Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation and Participation Policy

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 Indian Health Service (IHS) is the federal agency with the responsibility for the health and well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, tribes maintain a government-to-government relationship with the United States and that government-to-government relationship is served through consultation with and participation of the Indian tribes, in determining federal policies affecting Indian nations and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Consultation and Participation Policy Revision (IHS Circular 2001-07) was developed with input from tribal leaders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the revised Tribal Consultation and Participation Policy as described in the IHS Circular number 2001-07; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians urges the IHS to adhere to and advocate for the principles included in this policy.

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.