

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-073

Title: Support and Participation in the National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network

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, American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest smoking prevalence of all ethnic groups in the United States, and 40% of all American Indian/Alaska Native deaths can be attributed to tobacco use; and

the Western Tobacco Prevention Project has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish and implement a National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network to assist tribal communities plan, initiate, coordinate and evaluate tobacco education and prevention activities in tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network plans to assist tribal communities reduce tobacco use and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke among American Indian and Alaska Native people; and

Health Board has initiated efforts to build national and regional consultation efforts to develop a National Tobacco Control Strategy which will work in partnership with other national organizations such as the National Congress of American Indians and the National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network; and

the National Indian Health Board plans to work with the National Tribal

Governments and other area Health Boards in increasing tribal governmental understanding on the economic resources available to enhance tobacco control programs at the national on community level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

interest of assisting tribes in their quest to improve the health status and quality of life; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,

Tobacco Control Strategy in 2002 and 2003.

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.