

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-081

Title: Collaboration of NCAI and NAIHC in Resolution of the Black Mold Housing Issue

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 American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is a recognized leader in addressing the housing needs of Native American and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, many Indian nations are plagued by black mold in tribal homes, causing sickness and death in elders and children; and

WHEREAS, no concerted effort has been made by the federal government to remedy the black mold situation with funding or other solutions; and

WHEREAS, black mold is not confined only to tribal homes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the collaboration of NCAI and NAIHC in working towards a solutions to the black mold problem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI and NAIHC will seek out other national housing organizations who may be interested in elevating black mold to a national issue similar to lead-based paint; 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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 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.