

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS**

**RESOLUTION #SPO-01-082**

**Title: Supporting Legislation to Transfer Certain Public Domain Lands to  
the Pueblo of Santa Clara in New Mexico**

**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 Pueblo of Santa Clara has requested the United States to hold certain lands in trust which are now administered by the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and which the BLM has identified for disposal; and,

the land addressed in proposed legislation is located north of the Santa Clara Reservation and is known as the “Upper Guachupangue Arroyo Tract;” and

the Upper Guachupangue Arroyo Tract is composed entirely of the aboriginal lands of Santa Clara Pueblo, the aboriginal title to which the Indian Claims Commission determined has not been extinguished by the United States; and

the Upper Guachupangue Arroyo Tract is not accessible by public road, and shares boundaries with the current lands of the Pueblo of Santa Clara; and

the BLM is on record as supporting the transfer of the Upper Guachupangue Arroyo Tract to Santa Clara Pueblo; and

the Pueblo has requested official support for the proposed legislation; and

NCAI wishes to support this request by the Pueblo.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

433 acres, situated within Section 1, Township 20N, Range 7E, and Section 6, Township 20N, Range 8E to be declared by the United States in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NCAI urges the State of New Mexico, its political subdivisions, and its citizens to support proposed legislation to transfer this land to the Pueblo of Santa Clara to be held in trust by the United States for the Pueblo; and

that the NCAI urges all members of the United States Congress and President George W. Bush to support proposed legislation to transfer this land to the Pueblo of Santa Clara to be held in trust by the United States for the Pueblo; and

**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.