

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-098

Title: **A Resolution Requesting Secretary Mel Martinez, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Select an American Indian or Alaska Native for Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs**

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 stated purpose of the organization is to promote advocacy for policy and legislative changes that will favorably impact our primary goals of providing safe, decent and affordable housing for Indian people in a manner recognizing the unique government-to-government relationship of tribes and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Johnson (Tlingit-Haida), Deputy Assistant Secretary, has resigned as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs; and

WHEREAS, to continue to have an effective relationship between tribal governments, Tribally Designated Housing Entities and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, it is in the best interest to continue to fill the Deputy Assistant Secretary position with an American Indian or Alaska Native.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby request that Secretary Mel Martinez, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, select an American Indian or Alaska Native for the Deputy Assistant Secretary position for the Office of Native American Programs.

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.