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THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS

RESOLUTION #SD-02-039

**Title: Welfare Reform Reauthorization: Tribal TANF Proposed  
Amendments**

**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 and their way of life, 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**, as part of welfare reform legislation included language for tribal administration of cash assistance services previously provided by counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA), was extended until December 31, 2002 by the United States Congress through a Continuing Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, NCAI passed resolutions (#SPO-01-058 and #BIS-02-018) supporting specific Tribal TANF provisions, proposed for the Reauthorization of Welfare Reform; and

**WHEREAS**, a National Tribal TANF Best Practices Conference was held in Sacramento, California August 19, 20, & 21, 2002 to discuss "Best Practices" and TANF Reauthorization; and

**WHEREAS**, in attendance we representative 26 different Tribal TANF grantee programs, some of which are consortiums of various Tribes as well as Tribal Leaders and representatives of forthcoming Tribal TANF Programs; and

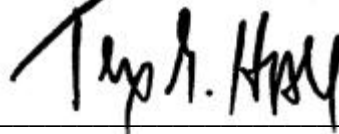
**WHEREAS**, the attached *Recommendations for Amendments to HR 4737* were developed by consensus at the National Tribal TANF Conference.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby modify NCAI Resolution #SPO-01-058 and #BIS-02-018 to reflect the consensus of Tribal Leaders, Tribal TANF Administrators, and Tribal Representatives present at the National Tribal TANF Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER 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 2002 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Town and Country Convention Center, in San Diego, California on November 10-15, 2002 with a quorum present.



Tex Hall, President

ATTEST:



Juana Majel, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2002 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Town and Country Convention Center, in San Diego, California on November 10-15, 2002.