



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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### RESOLUTION #MSH-01-002

#### Title: Support for National Tribal Self-Governance Advocacy Plan

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**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 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, largest, and most representative national American Indian and Alaska Native tribal government organization; and

**WHEREAS**, NCAI has supported the passage of Public Law 103-413, The Tribal Self-Governance Act, in 1994, and Public Law 106-260, The Tribal Self-Governance Amendments, in 2000, which provided tribes the opportunity to exercise their inherent self-governing powers through greater control over tribal affairs and enhanced tribal governmental powers through the use of federal resources; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 240 tribes participating in the Self-Governance initiative with either the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Indian Health Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Self-Governance tribes have assembled in several national meetings to discuss the impact of the upcoming national elections on Indian Country and have identified priority issues for the Bush Administration and the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Self-Governance tribes have developed a National Tribal Self-Governance Advocacy Plan for the Bush Administration and 107<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Advocacy Plan is to assist Self-Governance tribal leaders in promoting a unified approach to negotiations and discussions with the Bush Administration and the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress regarding critical Self-Governance issues.

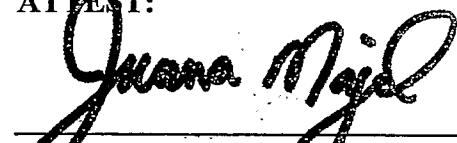
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the National Tribal Self-Governance Advocacy Plan and will utilize this document in discussions and meetings with key Administrative staff and Congressional membership.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2001 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut on May 13-16, 2001, with a quorum present.

  
Susan Masten, President

ATTEST:

  
Juana Majel, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2001 Mid-ear Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Mashantucket, Connecticut on May 13-16, 2001.