



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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### RESOLUTION #MSH-01-007

#### **Title: Recommendation to Oregon Senate Bill 765-A**

**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**, the State of Oregon, under Senate Bill 765-A, is declaring an emergency in the State's telecommunication field, to be addressed by the formation of an interim task force called the "Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council is set to have 12 members from rural and urban groups, NOT including any of the nine Oregon State Tribes at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, the nine Oregon Tribes share the concerns of all Oregon State groups, ensuring a coordinated statewide, regional, and local telecommunication strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the nine Oregon Tribes have supplemental, sovereign and regulating interests, including possible right-of-way concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department leading this telecommunication emergency understand the need for inclusion of a Tribal voice; and

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**WHEREAS**, the nine Oregon Tribes will select a representative for the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council to communicate their unique voice and needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the nine Oregon Tribes are also members in good standing of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians organization.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCAI does hereby support a thirteenth membership be created and appointed from among the nine Oregon Tribes, to be chosen by these Tribes, for inclusion on the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council.

**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.

  
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Susan Masten, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Juana Majel, Recording Secretary

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