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RESOLUTION #MSH-01-008

Title: Support For The Inland Northwest Economic Adjustment Strategy

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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, various economic, political, scientific, and environmental factors have resulted in economic hardship to natural resource based economies in the Inland Northwest; and

WHEREAS, our NCAI member Tribes economies have always been based in, and dependent upon, natural resources, and have been devastated of natural resources for over a century; and

WHEREAS, NCAI member tribes seek to protect those natural resources into the future for continued use as is consistent with our traditions of stewardship, and growing economic leadership; and

WHEREAS, NCAI goals include re-establishing fishing stocks and other game habitats; and

WHEREAS, NCAI member tribes have a shared need to diversify and replace natural resource based economies; and

WHEREAS, the inland areas of the NCAI have been at least as affected as the Cascade region covered by the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support the Inland Northwest Economic Adjustment Strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such support will be in keeping with the NCAI goals of preservation, restoration and, conservation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NCAI will give any written support requested by the Inland Northwest Economic Adjustment Strategy.

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 Majek, 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.