



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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### RESOLUTION #MSH-01-011

#### **Title: Support for S. 484 - Child Protection/Alcohol and Drug Partnership Act of 2001**

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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**, services for families and children in the child welfare system who are experiencing problems with drugs or alcohol are very limited and sometimes not well coordinated; and

**WHEREAS**, tribal families and children have even less access to these types of services than other groups; and

**WHEREAS**, S. 484 recognizes the importance of improving the coordination and availability of services for this population by proposing new funding for tribes and states (between \$200-575 million overall); and

**WHEREAS**, S. 484 allows tribes to directly apply for and administer programs authorized under this legislation, with a tribal set-aside of between three to five percent of the overall appropriation; and

**WHEREAS**, S. 484 authorizes tribes and states to provide comprehensive services to address the needs of families who are at risk of having their children removed from their homes because of problems with alcohol and drugs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support the passage of S. 484, the "Child Protection/Alcohol and Drug Partnership Act of 2001" during the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress.

CERTIFICATION

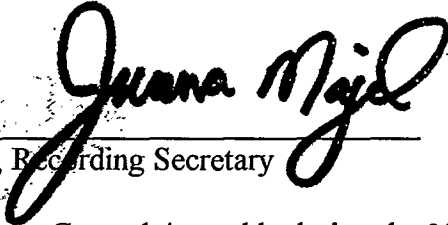
The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2001 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut on May 13-16, 2001, with a quorum present.



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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.