



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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RESOLUTION #MSH-01-020

Title: Support for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention & Treatment

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 Federal Government has a trust responsibility to the tribes for Health, Education, Welfare, and for all Indian people; and

WHEREAS, all across Indian Country our people are “dying” in all aspects of the word from the devastation and manifestations of alcohol and drugs which affects all Indian families and individuals either directly or indirectly; and

WHEREAS, the position of alcohol abuse and prevention and treatment has been consistently upheld as a priority by individual tribes and by NCAI; and

WHEREAS, Indian Tribes do not have the necessary infrastructure in dollars or facilities to address the full range of prevention, treatment, and abuse of alcohol and drugs that affect all Indian people either directly or indirectly; and

WHEREAS, our children are sacred and their future must be secured in order to stop the vicious cycle of abuse; and

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WHEREAS, as elected leaders of Tribes, we must insure that appropriate steps be taken to access adequate funding for culturally appropriate treatment to begin the process of healing our nations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI support efforts to begin the process of acceptance of alcohol and drug abuse as a major detrimental obstacle to healthy people; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support this resolution and begin the process of prevention and treatment strategies to combat alcohol and drug use in our communities in order to heal our people and heal our Nations.

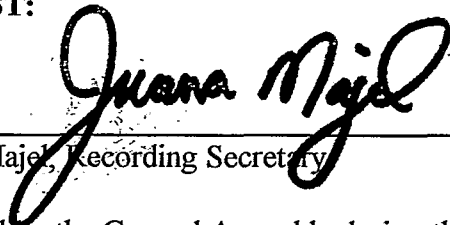
CERTIFICATION

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-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Mashantucket, Connecticut on May 13-16, 2001.