



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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### RESOLUTION #MSH-01-028

#### **Title: Support for Access to the Prime Vendor Program of the Department of Veteran's Affairs**

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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**, the need for new means of purchasing pharmaceuticals and other medical and surgical supplies is increasing due to the downsizing of the Indian Health Service and the increased compacting and contracting of Indian Health Service programs; and

**WHEREAS**, federal law authorizes the Veteran's Administration (VA) to assist other government entities, including tribes, purchase pharmaceuticals, and other medical and surgical supplies through its Prime Vendor program; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCAI does hereby support this resolution and the continued efforts of staff to work with the Veteran's Administration to access the VA Prime Vendor Program.

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.