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RESOLUTION #MSH-01-029

Title: Opposition to Excessive Proposals for Administrative Infrastructure from the Special Diabetes Funds Allocation for Prevention and Treatment Services Care

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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, diabetes is a major health concern throughout Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, Northwest tribes formally identified diabetes as their number one health priority at the Fund Distribution meeting last year; and

WHEREAS, there is verified data showing that the prevalence of diabetes is increasing rapidly among the Portland Area American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, since 1998 Congress has appropriated special funds to help Indian communities control diabetes through prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) has conducted consultation meetings to plan for the distribution of funding; and

WHEREAS, the IHS and TLDC has asked for comments on a proposed TLDC administrative support and IHS infrastructure plan; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI supports dedicating the maximum level of spending for diabetes prevention and treatment at the tribal/area level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby oppose the proposed plan to spend \$660,000 for TLDC and \$3 million for IHS administrative infrastructure and deem the proposals as excessive; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support this resolution for identification of funding for Administrative Infrastructure needs through the regular Budget Formulation Process.

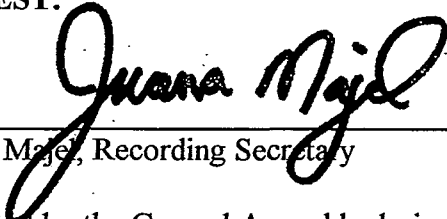
CERTIFICATION

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 Maje, 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.