



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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### RESOLUTION #MSH-01-033

#### **Title: Support for President G. W. Bush's Proposed Budget Regarding the Administration on Aging, Title VI Funding for the Next Fiscal Year**

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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 health and well-being of the elders of our communities have always been, and will continue to be, a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, historically programs under the Older American's Act, Administration on Aging, including the Title VI program, have been underfunded, and some not funded at all; and

**WHEREAS**, President Bush's proposed budget for the next fiscal year includes a \$2 million increase for Title VI of the Older American's Act, and a \$2 million dollar increase in the Native American Family Caregiver Act; and

**WHEREAS**, these additional funds would allow the Title VI Programs and Family Caregiver grantees to provide more quality services; and

**WHEREAS**, the improved services to the Elders/Disabled would enhance the overall commitment that the Tribes/Organizations have for those that are here to serve.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCAI does hereby support the proposed budget of President Bush, containing a \$4 million dollar increase for the Administration on Aging, Title VI programs, and the Native American Family Caregiver support program; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that NCAI will continue to voice our commitment and support for all programs that have a favorable effect on the Elders of our Tribes, especially when it includes increasing the funds for an under funded program that contributes to the well being of our communities, such as Title VI of the Older Americans Act and the Native American Caregiver support 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.

  
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Susan Masten, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Juana Majol, 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.