



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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RESOLUTION #MSH-01-053

Title: Support for Continuation of the Indian Education Executive Order in the Bush Administration

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, in 1998, the Clinton Administration endorsed and signed Executive Order 13096 on American Indian and Alaska Native Education which focuses on increasing the educational achievement of all Indian students in public and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration and the Secretary of Education are in the process of reviewing all executive orders or previous administration directives; and

WHEREAS, the need in Indian Country in relation to the education of Indian people has not significantly changed since 1998 as is evident by the consistently low levels of academic achievement when compared with the general population; and

WHEREAS, the federal education policies for the last fifty years have been inconsistent in terms of policy and levels of funding; and

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WHEREAS, funding for the major Indian education programs has increased over the past few appropriation cycles in the Department of Education and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and we need to continue this trend in an effort provide consistent educational opportunities for Indian youth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support the continuation of the Executive Order on American Indian and Alaska Native Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI and the National Indian Education Association are the only national organizations with the authority to advise on the implementation of the Executive Order on American Indian and Alaska Native Education; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support this resolution and the retention and appropriate execution of the Executive Order on American Indian and Alaska Native Education.

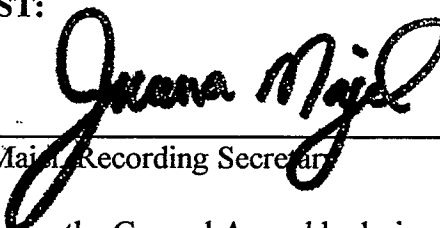
CERTIFICATION

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 Majal, 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.