



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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RESOLUTION #MSH-01-064

Title: Increase IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Funding

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, there currently exist a backlog of water and sewer needs estimated at \$500 million; and

WHEREAS, according to HUD estimates, 25,000 new housing units are being produced, acquired, or are under development under NAHASDA in its first year; and

WHEREAS, lack of adequate infrastructure development in Indian country will hinder the tribes' ability to meet its responsibility to provide affordable housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support and request the US Congress to appropriate a minimum of \$180 million to fund the Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction.

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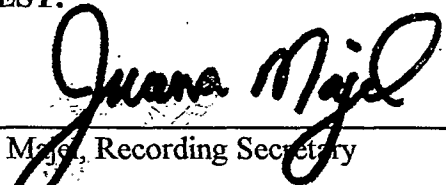
CERTIFICATION

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.