



National Congress of American Indians



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## Media Release

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### **NCAI Returns to Oklahoma for 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention and Trade Show**

WASHINGTON--August 26, 2005--For the first time in 16 years, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is bringing its annual Convention and Trade Show back to Oklahoma when the organization holds its annual meeting at the Tulsa Convention Center in Tulsa October 30 through November 4, 2005.

NCAI, the oldest, largest and most representative national Indian organization in the country is recognizing the 1975 Indian Self-Determination and Education Act by titling this year's 62nd Annual Convention *Celebrating 30 Years of the Indian Self-Determination Act*. More than 3,000 tribal leaders and attendees are expected to attend.

"We hope this serves as a foundation for discussion about where we, as tribal governments, have come and where we envision ourselves going," said NCAI President Tex G. Hall.

2005 is an election year for NCAI and a new President will be elected, as Hall has served the organization for back-to-back terms, as well as executive board representatives and area vice presidents.

NCAI's annual convention will feature a number of events of interest included in the following tentative schedule:

**Oct. 29--**Powwow in conjunction with NCAI

--Tribal Embassy Golf Tournament (Benefiting NCAI's capital campaign to purchase a tribal embassy in Washington, D.C.)

**Oct. 31--**NCAI Trade Show with over 120 vendors featuring everything from Native arts and crafts to universities and tribal displays. (Free and open to the public--through Nov. 4)

**Oct. 31--**NCAI Press Conference (12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

**Nov. 1 --**Miss NCAI Pageant (7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.)

**Nov. 2 --**3rd Annual Fitness Rally and Walk (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

For more information about NCAI's 62nd Annual Convention and Trade show and other events that will be taking place that week, visit our website at [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org).

*Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of more than 250 tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.*

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