

**Resolution of the Tribal Representatives of the BIA/Tribal Budget
Advisory Council on Exemption of BIA FY 2006 Budget Funding from
Additional Across-The-Board (ATB) Rescissions**

WHEREAS, President Bush signed the FY 2006 Department of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Public Law 109-54, into law on August 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 109-54 contains an across-the-board (ATB) rescission of .476%, which is approximately a \$10,987,169 reduction to the BIA FY 2006 Budget funding; and

WHEREAS, the BIA/Tribal Budget Advisory Council anticipates that Congress will consider and pass legislation that would rescind, across-the-board (ATB), additional amounts from the remaining FY 2006 appropriations bills; and

WHEREAS, the BIA/Tribal Budget Advisory Council anticipates that such legislation would include language that authorizes such additional rescissions to be retroactive to Public Law 109-54; and

WHEREAS, any additional reductions to the BIA FY 2006 Budget would continue the historical and serious underfunding to Indian Country; and

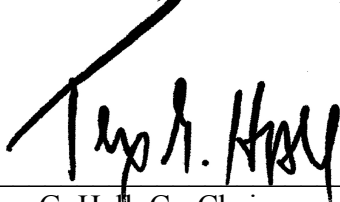
WHEREAS, any additional reductions to the BIA FY 2006 Budget would continue the failure of the Federal government to meet its trust responsibility to Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, any additional reductions to the BIA FY 2006 Budget would continue the failure of the Federal government to meet the needs of Indian Country; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the tribal representatives of the BIA/Tribal Budget Advisory Council seek an exemption for the BIA FY 2006 Budget funding from any additional across-the-board rescissions.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted the tribal representatives at a meeting of the BIA/Tribal Budget Advisory Council at Pala Casino Spa Resort in Pala California on November 30, 2005 with a quorum present.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tex G. Hall", is written over a horizontal line.

Tex G. Hall, Co-Chair
BIA/Tribal Budget Advisory Council