Resolutions Committee Recommendation
Resolution #: AK-21-005
Title: Calling upon the United States of America, through the President and the Congress, to fully apply the Buy Indian Policy across the Federal Government

Comments:
This resolution requests that NCAI urge Congress and the Administration to fully apply the Buy Indian Policy across the Federal Government, specifically to the Agencies and Departments that participate in the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Further, the resolution states that where the Federal Government uses original lands of a Tribal Nation for the production of energy, the United States of America, acting through the President, Congress and the agencies, must be mandated Buy Native Green Energy from said Tribal Nation and resell it to wholesale customers or wheel it to other buyers.

The Resolution Committee has provided suggested edits to the Resolution in order for it to abide by the NCAI style guide and language included in previously passed resolutions pertaining to the Buy Indian Act.

Recommendations:

The resolution is national in scope and deemed emergency in nature because of the amount of funding that is currently being distributed for the purposes of infrastructure, job creation, and addressing climate change and mitigation to state, local, and tribal governments. Therefore, the Resolutions Committee recommends that this Resolution be considered by the Economic Development, Finance & Community Development Committee, Economic Development, Finance Employment Subcommittee.

Sponsor a member in good standing (yes/no)?: Y
The National Congress of American Indians
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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 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and 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 and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Nations are sovereigns that pre-date the United States, with prior and treaty protected rights to self-government and to our tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, in the United States of America, every acre of land was originally part of the homeland of Native Sovereign Nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America often stole lands from Native Sovereign Tribal Nations and Native Americans, whether by warfare, forced removal, violent encroachment, corporate and government theft; and

WHEREAS, America owes a Federal trust responsibility to Native Sovereign Nations to assist in restoring native homelands to livable homelands and Nations to prosperous, resilient, and sustainable native communities; and

WHEREAS, the Buy Indian Act was signed into law on June 25, 1910 and was meant to require the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to give funding and procurement preference to American Indian owned or operated businesses; and
WHEREAS, the President Biden issued and Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government on January 20, 2021, calling on all federal agencies to review and potential barriers for underserved communities and individuals face in agency procurement and contracting opportunities and promotes equal opportunities in federal procurement processes;

WHEREAS, the Buy Indian Policy is a restorative policy intended to provide jobs for Native Americans, especially where the Federal Government destroyed traditional native economies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) calls upon the United States of America, through the President and the Congress, to fully apply the Buy Indian Policy across the Federal Government, specifically to the Agencies and Departments that participate in the White House Council on Native American Affairs, in accordance with the Buy Indian Act and Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that where the Federal Government uses traditional native treaty and ancestral lands for Federal facilities, the responsible Federal Department may provide a Buy Native Policy for the original Native Nation in which the Federal facility is located; and Sovereign Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that where the Federal Government uses traditional native treaty and ancestral lands original native lands of a Native Sovereign Nation for the production of energy, the United States of America, acting through the President, Congress and the agencies, must be mandated a Buy Native Green Energy policy from said must be enacted and Tribal Nations must be given the opportunity to Native Sovereign Nation and resell the energy to wholesale customers or wheel it to other buyers; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2021 Mid Year Conference of the National Congress of American Indians, held June 20, 2021 - June 24, 2021, with a quorum present.

ATTEST:

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Fawn Sharp, President

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Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) calls upon the United States of America, through the President and the Congress, to fully apply the Buy Indian Policy across the Federal Government to the Agencies and Departments that participate in the White House Council on Native American Affairs; and

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