Resolutions Committee Recommendation
Resolution #: AK-21-017
Title: Sovereignty Summit 2021

Comments:

This resolution would direct NCAI to convene a “Sovereignty Summit 2021” to determine how to best and fully implement the principals and rights expressed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Recommendations:

This Resolution is national in scope and considered emergency in nature due to the recent discussions and work done on strengthening tribal consultation in addition to the upcoming White House Tribal Nations Summit. Therefore, the Resolutions Committee recommends that this Resolution be considered by the Litigation and Governance Committee, Jurisdiction and Tribal Government Subcommittee.

Sponsor a member in good standing (yes/no)?: Y___
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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, since time immemorial, the Tribal Nations Indigenous peoples of our region have possessed the inherent right to self-determination and self-governance to make exclusive decisions regarding their lands, territories, people, resources, and sacred sites; and

WHEREAS, during its 107th plenary meeting convened on September 13th, 2007, the United Nations adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), recognizing the inherent rights, including a recognition that no other sovereign shall make unilateral decisions affecting the lands, territories, people, resources, and sacred sites without their Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC); and

WHEREAS, at the 107th United Nations plenary meeting, the United States cast its vote in opposition to UNDRIP but during the second annual White House Tribal Nations Conference convened on December 16th, 2010, President Barack Obama announced that the United States would finally endorse the UNDRIP; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI member Tribal Nations tribes seek to fully implement the universal and globally adopted human and civil rights set forth in the UNDRIP, including FPIC, and recognize that policy objective requires the aggressive, strategic, inclusive, and effective multilateral action that is the leadership legacy of NCAI.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) calls for a Sovereignty Summit 2021 to convene its member tribes on the traditional homelands of the Squaxin Island people, to determine how to best and fully implement the principles and rights expressed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for that purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER 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.

Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:

Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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