



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ABQ-10-043

TITLE: Support for Increased Funding for all Tribal Transportation Programs in the New or Reauthorized U.S. Highway Bill

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 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 health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the legislation to be enacted by Congress should include increased funding for all existing tribal transportation programs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation should advocate for the needs of tribal governments for the increase in funding for all tribal transportation programs as well as new tribal transportation programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI urges Congress to maintain current funding to any tribal transportation program during periods of Continuing Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support the continued inclusion of existing and the addition of new Tribal Transportation Programs in any new or reauthorized Federal Transportation legislation as referenced in the National Tribal Leadership Paper On Tribal Transportation Priorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby support that all Tribal Transportation Programs in the New U.S. Highway Bill is fully appropriated; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

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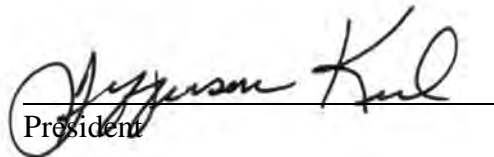
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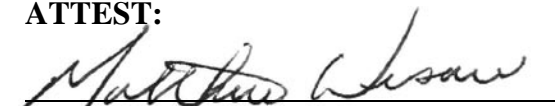
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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2010 Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM on November 14-19, 2010, with a quorum present.



President**ATTEST:**

Recording Secretary