The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #MSP-15-026

TITLE: In Full Support to Create a Tribal Planning Division of the American Planning Association

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, 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, the mission of the American Planning Association (APA) provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change; and

WHEREAS, APA members who are working to promote social, economic, and racial equity have come together at National Planning Conferences to share information, resources, and ideas and encourage diversity through establishment of allied organizations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to educate the non-Indian communities regarding Indian Tribal governments and tribal planning efforts to avert misunderstandings that has caused negative case law regarding land use and planning on Indian Reservations; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing national effort to create a Tribal Planning Division within the American Planning Association to have tribal planning formally recognized as a vital governmental service that benefits tribal lands and its people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby request that full support is provided to create a Tribal Planning Division of the American Planning Association; 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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 2015 Midyear Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the St. Paul River Centre, St. Paul, MN, June 28 to July 1, 2015, with a quorum present.

ATTEST:

Brian Cladoosby, President

Aaron Payment, Recording Secretary