



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #RAP-10-035

### **TITLE: Department of Justice Tribal Nations Leadership Council Regional Tribal Representation**

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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, 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**, on February 19, 2010, the Department of Justice announced the creation of the Justice Department's Tribal Nations Leadership Council (TNLC), a group of tribal leaders from around the country that will advise them on issues critical to tribal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the TNLC, which will meet twice a year, will be composed of one Tribal leader from each of the 12 regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Indian Country to have Tribal representation on the TNLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the federally recognized Tribes within Regions consist of diverse populations from the ocean to the mountains representing a vast number of tribal nations and members; and

**WHEREAS**, the member tribes of Region 10 within the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) respectfully request the Department of Justice honor both a delegate and an alternate attend all meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCAI deems the allowance of an alternate Tribal representative to attend will provide assurance of Tribal leader participation for all TNLC meetings.

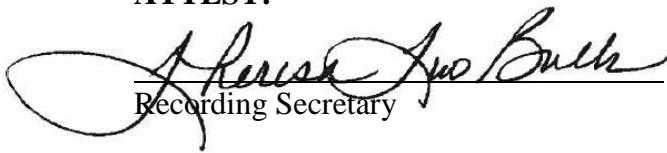
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCAI does hereby respectfully request that the Department of Justice permits both duly selected representatives and duly selected alternates be allowed to attend all meetings of TNLC; and

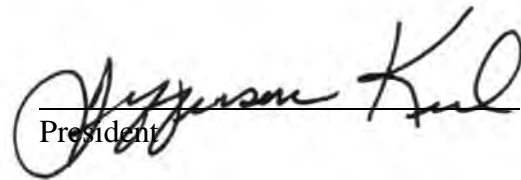
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2010 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, South Dakota on June 20-23, 2010, with a quorum present.

**ATTEST:**

  
Recording Secretary

  
President