



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #RAP-10-022

TITLE: Support for Tracie Stevens' Nomination for Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission

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, Tracie Stevens has long record of service to Tulalip Tribes beginning in as an executive in gaming operations and later as a senior government affairs policy analyst during which time she served her tribe with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Tracie Stevens served on the board of the Washington Indian Gaming Association from 2002-09, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Gaming Committee Co-Chair 2003-09 and the National Indian Gaming Association from 2003-09, reflecting great credit on the State of Washington, and giving service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Tracie Stevens is currently Senior Advisor to the Assistant U.S. Secretary of Indian Affairs and working on an array of issues, such as gaming, law enforcement, energy consultation, economic development, land-into-trust, tribal government disputes, budget priorities, treaty and natural resource rights since her hiring in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the United States and the Sovereign Tribal Nations therein will be well-served by the singular blend of skills and experience Tracie Stevens brings to the Chair of National Indian Gaming Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby unanimously support President Obama in the nomination of Tracie Stevens to serve as the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission and calls upon the United States Senate for a prompt and bipartisan confirmation of that nomination; and

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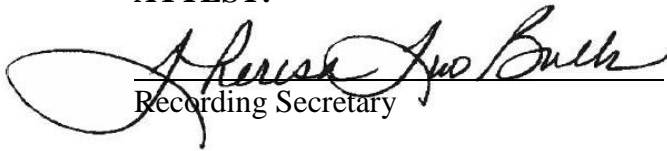
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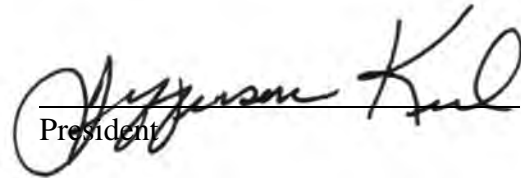
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

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