



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #DEN-07-082

TITLE: Requesting the United States Congress and the United Nations to Recognize the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre Was Not a Battle

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, NCAI enacted Resolution #SPO-01-163 to “Support the Action to Revoke the Congressional Medals of Honor to the Soldiers of the 7th Calvary at Wounded Knee,” which was based upon testimony and documentation from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe whose relatives were massacred; and

WHEREAS, recent international conversations recognize similar actions taken by the country of Turkey as genocide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby request the United States Congress and the United Nations to recognize the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre was a massacre, not a battle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI shall follow up on its resolution to revoke the Congressional Medals of Honor Issued to the Soldiers of the 7th Calvary for their participation in the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to appropriate contacts for the United States Congress, the United Nations, and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was referred by the General Assembly at the 2007 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians to the Executive Committee, and adopted on December 5, 2007 by the Executive Committee, with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary