



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #SAC-06-037

### **TITLE: Supporting the Policy Recommendations of the Native Financial Education Coalition**

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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**, while financial literacy rates are low regardless of income, race or other socioeconomic characteristics, Native children ranked last in the latest Jump\$tart Youth Financial Literacy Survey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Native Financial Education Coalition (NFEC) is a group of local, regional, and national organizations and government agencies, coordinated by First Nations Oweesta Corporation, working together to achieve its common goal of promoting financial education in Native communities through a variety of settings including tribal colleges and universities and those with widespread youth involvement such as schools and community-based youth development organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFEC recently proposed the attached policy recommendations to improve financial education opportunities for Native communities to tribal, federal and state policymakers in a briefing on Capitol Hill in April 2006.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby endorse the attached policy recommendations on financial education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NCAI encourages its members enact the policy recommendations for tribal policy makers and to adopt similar resolutions of support at the tribal level; and


**BE IT FINALLY 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 2006 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, California on October 1-6, 2006, with a quorum present.

  
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Recording Secretary