



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #PSP-09-020

TITLE: To Address Global Warming and Climate Change in Gaming Activities

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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, the United States Constitution, U.S. Supreme Court decisions and hundreds of treaties, federal statutes, and regulations all acknowledge the inherent sovereignty of Indian tribes and recognize that Indian Tribes are distinct governments; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes as the first peoples of the United States are charged with the responsibility of protecting Mother Earth from predation; and

WHEREAS, Indian Tribes recognize the drastic problems attributed to and associated with climate change; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes recognize their responsibility in contributing to global warming and climate change, especially through their heavy use of electricity in their gaming facilities; and

WHEREAS, reducing the carbon footprint is a proven way to ameliorate the effects of climate change and global warming; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes are pursuing energy efficiency, green energy generation and co-generation; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes have decided to address global warming and climate change by:

1. acting on the opportunity for gaming operations to model eco-friendly design and non-carbon based energy use features to address climate change impacts on Indian Country; and
2. promoting and encouraging climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies; and
3. going beyond “green” by reconnecting with our traditions and cultural values.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI applauds Indian tribes who are actively addressing the problems associated with climate change and global warming; and

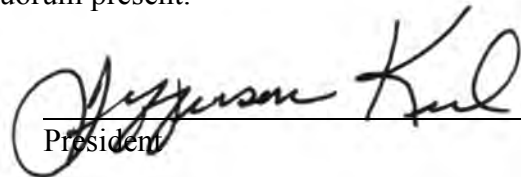
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI will work in conjunction with NIGA and other Intertribal organizations to address the problems of climate change and global warming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI will collaborate with NIGA and other Intertribal organizations to develop trainings and workshops to address Tariff Assessments, Energy Audits and Renewable Energy Audits; 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 2009 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Palm Springs Convention Center in Palm Springs, California on October 11-16, 2009, with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary