The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #PDX-20-047

TITLE: URGE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASED FUNDING OF THE TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COLLEGE – UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

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 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 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, We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest 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 rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Indian College is a tribal college accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities; and
WHEREAS, Northwest Indian College’s primary source of institutional funds for qualified tribal colleges is the congressionally funded Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUAA) of 1978; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Indian College provides access to high-quality postsecondary educational opportunities for— (1) American Indians; (2) Alaska Natives; and (3) Non-Native individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Tribally Controlled College Or University Endowment Program in sections 301-306 of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUAA) of 1978 is grossly underfunded; and

WHEREAS, the Endowment Program use of funds in the TCCUAA section 303 are to; “defray any expenses associated with the operation of such college or university, including expense of operations and maintenance, administration, academic and support personnel, community and student services programs, and technical assistance”; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI and NCAI does hereby urge the U.S. Federal Government to fully fund Tribal Colleges and University operations at the authorized level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI and NCAI does hereby urge the U.S. Federal Government to provide an additional substantial increase in funding to the Endowment Program of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUAA) to support long term growth and sustainability of Tribal Colleges; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI and NCAI does hereby urge the U.S. Federal Government to waive the matching requirement of the Endowment Program of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUAA) to support long term growth and sustainability of Tribal Colleges and Universities.
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2020 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held Nov 8, 2020 - Nov 13, 2020, with a quorum present.

ATTEST:

Fawn Sharp, President

Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary
The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #PDX-20-048

TITLE: Allocating HUD-NAHASDA Housing Training Funds Directly to Tribes Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Tribal Organizations

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 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 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, Certain US Department of Housing and Urban Development NAHASDA training and technical assistance funds have previously been allocated to federal agencies;

WHEREAS, it would be more efficient and more likely to provide specifically relevant training and technical assistance to allow tribes, tribally designated housing entities, and tribal organizations to administer the funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recommends to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development that training and technical assistance funds for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) housing programs be allocated directly to tribes, tribally-designated housing entities, and tribal organizations participating in NAHASDA housing programs.

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 2020 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held Nov 8, 2020 - Nov 13, 2020, with a quorum present.

ATTEST:

Fawn Sharp, President

Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary
TITLE: Free The Pill

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 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 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 Native American Community Board is based on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in Lake Andes, South Dakota and has been serving Indigenous women and families for 32 years. We are committed to “making the progestin only birth control pill available Over The Counter to reduce disparities in reproductive health care access and outcomes, and to increase opportunities to access safe, effective contraception, free of unnecessary control, as part of a healthy sexual and reproductive life”.

WHEREAS, Free the Pill is a campaign to educate and engage the public in support of an over-the-counter (OTC) birth control option in the United States. The campaign supports an OTC pill that is affordable, covered by insurance, and available to people of all ages. Free the Pill is not funded by pharmaceutical companies or the government, and is not affiliated with or funded by any political party. Free the Pill is operated by Ibis Reproductive Health, a private nonprofit organization that is working in collaboration with HRA Pharma to submit an application to the United States Food and Drug Administration to make a birth control pill available over the counter.
WHEREAS, Native American women deserve body sovereignty and access to birth control. Birth control is essential to people’s well-being and economic security, and especially at this immensely unstable pandemic time, everyone must be able to access it in the way that works best for them. Many of the rural hospitals and clinics are Catholic owned and there are many miles between resources out on the plains. Now, amid unemployment and lockdowns, the pandemic has worsened these barriers, making it even harder if not impossible for many people to get the contraceptive method of their choice.

WHEREAS, Native American and Alaska Native women are more than 2.5 times more likely to be sexually assaulted or raped than other women in the United States. One in three Native women will be raped during their lifetime. At least 86% of perpetrators of these crimes are non-Native men. These statistics reveal the need for access to birth control and controlling if and when we have children - free from violence from individuals, or the government. Data shows that girls ages 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault.

WHEREAS, Native American women also carry the generational trauma of some of the most egregious sins committed in the name of medical research and contraceptive development, it is time we have access to contraception when we want it, in the environments we deem conducive and without hassle or hurdle.

WHEREAS, The pill has been around for 60 years, and is one of the safest and best-studied medications on the market. For most women, the pill does not cause any health problems. Birth control pills are sold over the counter in over 100 countries, view here: https://freethepill.org/where-on-earth/

WHEREAS, The IHS provides health services for approximately 2.2 million of the nation’s estimated 3.7 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to 573 federally recognized tribes in 37 states. The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. This mandate was established in 1787 based on Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, and has been given form and substance by numerous treaties, laws, Supreme Court decisions, and Executive Orders.

WHEREAS, “Barriers to access are one reason for inconsistent or nonuse of contraception. The requirement for a prescription can be an obstacle for some contraceptive users. Several studies have demonstrated that women are capable of using self-screening tools to determine their eligibility for hormonal contraceptive use. Pelvic and breast examinations, cervical cancer screening, and sexually transmitted infection screening are not required before initiating hormonal contraception and should not be used as reasons to deny access to hormonal contraception. Pharmacist-provided contraception may be a necessary intermediate step to increase access to contraception, but over-the-counter access to hormonal contraception should be the ultimate goal.” The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists supports over-the-counter access to hormonal contraception without age restrictions. *American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee Opinion No 788 (replacing No 544): Over-the-counter access to hormonal contraception. Obstetrics and Gynecology. 2019; 134(4): e96-105
WHEREAS, There is evidence that dispensing a larger supply of contraception is cost-effective. This economic decision model explored the financial implications for the Veteran Affairs (VA) health care system of offering beneficiaries 12 months of oral contraceptive pills (OCPs) in a single prescription. Across a range of sensitivity analyses, the authors found that the 12-month dispensing option was cost saving to the VA compared with the standard 3-month dispensing option, largely owing to the reduction in unintended pregnancy. *Grossman D. Expanding access to short-acting hormonal contraceptive methods in the United States. JAMA Intern Med. July 8, 2019. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2019.1676.

Research shows nearly one in three U.S. women who have ever tried to fill a birth control prescription ran into a roadblock, and it’s worse for people of color, young people, people in rural communities, and those struggling financially. There are financial and time costs associated with every step of getting a prescription — from the cost of the clinic visit, to transportation, to missing work or school, to arranging child care — none of which is medically necessary.

Birth control pills are safe for over-the-counter sale and people are able to determine whether the pill is right for them using a simple checklist. The prescription requirement is simply an unnecessary barrier.

WHEREAS, Native American women were forced to wait five years after the FDA approval of EC OTC to go over the counter at I.H.S. – five years after all other women in the US had access to emergency contraceptives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) supports an over-the-counter birth control pill that’s affordable, covered by insurance, provided within IHS, and available to people of all ages as essential to bridging these drastically widened gaps.

More specifically, we support the FDA approval process and organizations working to develop a low dose BC as an over the counter (OTC) and to expedite its provision within the I.H.S. formulary upon its approval.

We support the Native American Women’s Health Education Resource Center working with IBIS and the Coalition in furthering their advocacy and continuing to monitor these policies on behalf of Native American women and children.

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 2020 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held Nov 8, 2020 - Nov 13, 2020, with a quorum present.

Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:

Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary
Resolutions Committee Recommendation
Resolution #: PDX-20-050
Title: To Ensure the Accountability of Alaska Regional Vice President to the Alaska Region’s Member Tribes

Comments:
The resolution, as submitted, does not establish broad and national policy for NCAI, but is instead directed as seeking specific action from the Executive Committee and requests that action be directed to NCAI Alaska Regional Caucus. Such resolutions are not of “a general nature” such that they “advocate for the best interests of all American Indians and Alaska Natives,” as required by NCAI’s Standing Rules at Section XIII.

This resolution is identical to PDX-20-051, and is, in substance, identical to PDX-20-052 and PDX-20-053. The three resolutions are not in order for the above stated reason.

Recommendations:
The Resolutions Committee determines PDX-20-050 is out of order in form, and recommends not to report this resolution to a committee of jurisdiction. However, the substance of this resolution – the specific requested action by the Executive Committee directed at NCAI’s Alaska Regional Caucus— is recommended to be taken up by NCAI’s Executive Committee for deliberation and further action, as determined solely by the Executive Committee.
NATIVE VILLAGE OF PORT LIONS  
PORT LIONS TRADITIONAL TRIBAL COUNCIL  

RESOLUTION 2020-19R

To Ensure the Accountability of the Alaska Regional Vice President to the Alaska Region’s Member Tribes

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Port Lions is a federally recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council is the governing body of the Native Village of Port Lions; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Port Lions has consistently implemented and operated successful membership and community services since its formal inception in August, 1978; and

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 NCAI supports the efforts of federally recognized Indian tribes of Alaska to govern and achieve their own self-determination, and utilize government to government consultation to achieve those ends; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, Alaska’s tribes have hunted, fished, and gathered on the lands and waters of what is now referred to as the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, ANCSA allowed Alaska Natives alive on the date of ANCSA’s enactment, December 18, 1971, to receive 100 shares of stock in their respective village and regional corporations, and thus part ownership of their ancestral lands, while terminating the land and other Indigenous rights of Alaska Natives born after that date by excluding them from ANCSA; and

WHEREAS, 50 years after the adoption of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), which affected every Tribal Government in the State of Alaska and created the Alaska Native Corporations, there has been very little national dialogue on the effects of ANCSA on Tribal Governments, Alaska Native Corporations, and Alaska Native people; and

WHEREAS, in September 2020, the DC Circuit Court issued a decision that invites questions about the eligibility of Alaska Native organizations to receive federal funding under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Vice President and Alternate are elected to represent the issues of the region rather than their own specific tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no mechanism in place or in use for the Regional Vice President to consult member tribes on issues that could cause major harm in the region; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the representation concerns of the Alaska caucus members should be deemed national in scope as NCAI is advocating at a national level on behalf of Alaska Native people without accountability to Alaska Native people for the positions NCAI is taking; and
WHEREAS, the nature of the representation concerns of the Alaska caucus members should be deemed emergency in nature as the September 2020 DC Circuit Court decision has introduced a major threat to the status of Alaska Native organizations to receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS, several Alaska tribes that are NCAI members in good standing submitted letters to NCAI raising concerns over NCAI’s representation of Alaska tribal interests in Congress and with the media and concerns about the negative repercussions this information can have on Alaska Native tribal members and communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Alaska Regional Caucus request a report from the NCAI Board as to whether any policy or legislative positions the NCAI organization has or is taking will harm Alaska Native people or member organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Alaska Regional Caucus request a report from the Alaska Regional Vice President and Alternate as to how they have voted on decisions that have come before the NCAI Board related to Alaska Native people’s interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the members of the Alaska Regional Caucus request to know the advocacy position of the NCAI organization on the ISDEAA definition; and

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

CERTIFICATION
We, the undersigned members of the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council on the _____day of November 2020, with a quorum present and ___ votes for and ___ votes against and ___ abstaining.

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Nancy Nelson, President                        Amanda Holden, Secretary-Treasurer
NATIVE VILLAGE OF PORT LIONS
PORT LIONS TRADITIONAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2020-20R

To Ensure the Accountability of the Regional Vice President to the Region’s Member Tribes

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Port Lions is a federally recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council is the governing body of the Native Village of Port Lions; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Port Lions has consistently implemented and operated successful membership and community services since its formal inception in August, 1978; and

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 Regional Vice President and Alternate are elected to represent the issues of the region rather than their own specific tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no mechanism in place or in use for the Regional Vice President to consult member tribes on issues that could cause major harm in the region; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI members request a report from the NCAI Board when it takes a position that has potentially harmful impacts for much of the region;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI members request a report from the Regional Vice President and Alternate as to how they have voted on decisions that have come before the NCAI Board related to the region’s specific interests;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI members request to know the advocacy position of the NCAI organization on the ISDEAA definition; and

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

CERTIFICATION
We, the undersigned members of the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council on the _____ day of November 2020, with a quorum present and ___ votes for and ___ votes against and ___ abstaining.

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Nancy Nelson, President        Amanda Holden, Secretary-Treasurer
The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #PDX-20-052

TITLE: To Ensure the Accountability of the Alaska Regional Vice President to the Alaska Region’s Member Tribes

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 NCAI supports the efforts of federally recognized Indian tribes of Alaska to govern and achieve their own self-determination, and utilize government to government consultation to achieve those ends; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, Alaska’s tribes have hunted, fished, and gathered on the lands and waters of what is now referred to as the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) allowed Alaska Natives alive on the date of ANCSA’s enactment, December 18, 1971, to receive 100 shares of stock in their respective village and regional corporations, and thus part ownership of their ancestral lands, while terminating the land and other Indigenous rights of Alaska Natives born after that date by excluding them from ANCSA; and

WHEREAS, 50 years after the adoption of ANCSA, which affected every Tribal Government in the State of Alaska and created the Alaska Native Corporations, there has been very little national dialogue on the effects of ANCSA on Tribal Governments, Alaska Native Corporations, and Alaska Native people; and

WHEREAS, in September 2020, the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeal issued a decision that invites questions about the eligibility of Alaska Native organizations to receive federal funding under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA); and
WHEREAS, the Regional Vice President and Alternate are elected to represent the issues of the region rather than their own specific tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no mechanism in place or in use for the Regional Vice President to consult member tribes on issues that could cause major harm in the region; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the representation concerns of the Alaska caucus members should be deemed national in scope as NCAI is advocating at a national level on behalf of Alaska Native people without accountability to Alaska Native people for the positions NCAI is taking; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the representation concerns of the Alaska caucus members should be deemed emergency in nature as the September 2020 DC Circuit Court of Appeals decision has introduced a major threat to the status of Alaska Native organizations to receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS, several Alaska tribes that are NCAI members in good standing submitted letters to NCAI raising concerns over NCAI’s representation of Alaska tribal interests in Congress and with the media and concerns about the negative repercussions this information can have on Alaska Native tribal members and communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Alaska Regional Caucus request a report from the NCAI Board as to whether any policy or legislative positions the NCAI organization has or is taking will harm Alaska Native people or member organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Alaska Regional Caucus request a report from the Alaska Regional Vice President and Alternate as to how they have voted on decisions that have come before the NCAI Board related to Alaska Native people’s interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the members of the Alaska Regional Caucus request to know the advocacy position of the NCAI organization on the ISDEAA definition; 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 2020 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held Nov 8, 2020 - Nov 13, 2020, with a quorum present.

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Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:

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Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary
The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #PDX-20-053

TITLE: To Ensure the Accountability of the Regional Vice President to the Region’s Member Tribes

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 Regional Vice President and Alternate are elected to represent the issues of the region rather than their own specific tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no mechanism in place or in use for the Regional Vice President to consult member tribes on issues that could cause major harm in the region; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI members request a report from the NCAI Board when it takes a position that has potentially harmful impacts for much of the region;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI members request a report from the Regional Vice President and Alternate as to how they have voted on decisions that have come before the NCAI Board related to the region’s specific interests;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI members request to know the advocacy position of the NCAI organization on the ISDEAA definition; 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 2020 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held Nov 8, 2020 - Nov 13, 2020, with a quorum present.

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Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:

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Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary
TITLE: Approval of the NCAI Transition Plan for the Presidential Transition Effort Following the November 2020 Elections

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 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 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, Tribal Nations within the United States have entered into solemn and sacred treaties with the United States in which their sovereign status is recognized, as provided in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, under those treaties, and subsequent laws as passed by the United States Congress, the United States of America has a fundamental trust obligation to the Tribal Nations of the United, and the U.S has generally failed to meet that obligation in a wide variety of areas, including health care, housing, law enforcement, education, child welfare, social services, protection of resources and transportation, among others; and

WHEREAS, a new Presidential term will begin in the United States in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, NCAI staff have developed a detailed transition plan, reviewed by the NCAI Committees, that sets forth a broad policy agenda and the issues that need to be addressed by the incoming administration of either Vice President Joe Biden or President Donald Trump, and that also outlines the process for selection of qualified people to fill key positions in the next administration that affect Indian country and Tribal citizens.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the individual and tribal members of NCAI hereby approve the Presidential Transition Plan presented to the 2020 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, recognizing that individual tribal nations and individual tribal citizens may have individual and regional issues of importance to present to the next Presidential administration that will take office on January 20, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Tribal Nations and Tribal citizens are encouraged to consider who is qualified to serve the next Presidential administration in all areas of government, including those that are key positions for tribal nations; 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 2020 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held Nov 8, 2020 - Nov 13, 2020, with a quorum present.

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Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:

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Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary
TITLE: NAHASDA Reauthorization

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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996 reorganized how the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s housing assistance is provided to Indian Tribes by eliminating several separate programs and replacing them with the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), a formula-based grant program, and the Title VI Loan Guarantee, which provides financing guarantees to Indian Tribes for private market loans in order to develop affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The Indian Housing Block Grant ("IHBG") is the single largest source of federal funding for housing in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 and 2008, NAHASDA was reauthorized for a period of five years; and although authorization for NAHASDA expired in 2013, Congress has continued to fund the program annually through the appropriations process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby urge Congress to reauthorize NAHASDA for a period of ten (10) years through 2031; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI respectfully requests that the National American Indian Housing Council, and all other regional Native American associations and organizations join with NWIHA in supporting this Resolution.
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2020 Virtual Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held on November 8-13, 2020, with a quorum present.

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Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:

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Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary