



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #FTL-04-115C

### **TITLE: Support for the Creation of a Permanent Endowment for Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country**

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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 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act was enacted to promote tribal economic development, self-sufficiency and strong tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian tribes use governmental revenue generated by Indian gaming to build tribal government and community infrastructure, such as schools, health clinics, water and sanitation systems, and roads, to fund essential tribal government services, including education, after school programs, health care, police and fire services, child care and elderly nutrition, and charitable causes; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian Tribes, as native peoples, plan for the coming seven generations to provide a future for our children and grandchildren and as Indian nations, we acknowledge our youth as our most precious resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the dropout rate for Indian country youth is 48 percent of the reservation population; 1 in 6 Native American teens attempt suicide by their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; and the alcohol mortality rate in Indian country is 6 times greater than that of all other races combined; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America have established 176 Boys and Girls Clubs locations on Indian lands in 77 tribal, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native communities, and serves close to 100,000 Indian youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boys and Girls Clubs in Indian country, under Indian leadership and guidance, have created significant alternative youth activities and positive growth opportunities for our Indian youth – through the celebration of Indian culture, learning life lessons, and gaining self-confidence that will enable Indian youth to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boys and Girls Club of America have established a permanent endowment dedicated to Indian country Boys and Girls Clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) has endorsed and is working to solicit funding for the Boys and Girls Clubs' permanent endowment fund for Indian Country Boys and Girls Clubs and the Chairman of NIGA serves on the National Board of the Boys and Girls Club; and

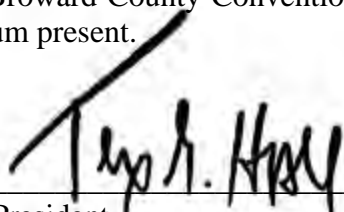
**WHEREAS**, NIGA Member Tribes and NCAI Member Tribes support and host Boys and Girls Clubs in Indian country.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby endorse the effort of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to establish and fund the permanent endowment for Boys and Girls and Clubs in Indian country.

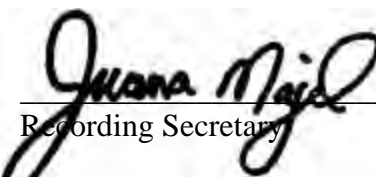
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NCAI joins the NIGA in encouraging Indian Tribes, business partners, foundations, and the public to contribute to the Boys and Girls Club Permanent Endowment for Indian Country to provide a brighter future for our Indian youth.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida on October 10-15, 2004 with a quorum present.

  
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President

#### ATTEST:

  
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Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2004 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held from October 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.