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RESOLUTION #SD-02-086

Title: To Support Tribes and Tribal Organizations in Their Pursuit at Securing Resources from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Outreach and Related Activities

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 and their way of life, 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 Congress has passed, and President Bush has signed the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002-Farm Bill) which provides for Agriculture related programs and services to American Indian tribes, Tribal Programs, and individual tribal operations; and

WHEREAS, the resources authorized within the Farm Bill are inadequate for tribal programming for outreach and related activities within the American Indian agriculture community; and

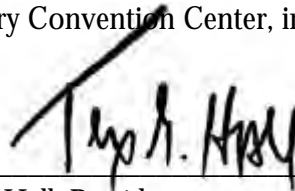
WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians is committed to supporting the development of self-sustaining tribal economies and governments and recognizes that tribes and tribal organizations are uniquely qualified to administer American Indian agricultural initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby fully support tribes and tribal organizations in their pursuit of resources from the USDA for outreach and related activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2002 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Town and Country Convention Center, in San Diego, California on November 10-15, 2002 with a quorum present.



Tex Hall, President

ATTEST:



Juana Majol, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2002 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Town and Country Convention Center, in San Diego, California on November 10-15, 2002.