



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #RAP-10-030

TITLE: Support of the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly Recommendations for the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

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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 Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) has been collaborating with the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and National Indian Education Association (NIEA) to support the goal to recognize and fund Tribal Education Departments through the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, legislative authority for Tribal Education Departments exists in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) through both the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, however, federal funding has not been established.

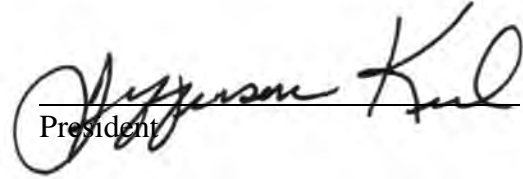
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly Recommendations for the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, NCAI urges the U.S. Department of Education to consult Indian Tribes/Alaskan Natives in the ESEA Reauthorization and any other related policy initiatives to support the unique and culturally related needs of Native students from early childhood to life-long learning; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

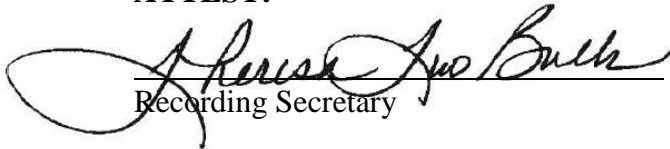
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2010 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, South Dakota on June 20-23, 2010, with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary