



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #PSP-09-043

**TITLE: Support for Funding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban Programs, including the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, for HIV/AIDS Related 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 Federal government carries out its trust responsibility to provide health care and other Federal benefits through a government to government relationship with Indian tribes through consultation as established by Presidential Executive Order 13175; and

**WHEREAS**, American Indians and Alaska Natives have the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest rate per 100,000 of new Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, American Indians and Alaska Natives have the shortest survival rate once AIDS has been diagnosed, followed by Native Hawaiians; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, of persons living with AIDS, American Indian and Alaska Native women have the highest percentage of acquisition (40%) through injection drug use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) de-prioritized American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians as target populations in the Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) To Improve the Delivery and Effectiveness of HIV Prevention Services for High-risk and/or Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations funding opportunity announcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC continues to fund other HIV/AIDS related outreach, education and other services in other communities of color further contributing to the egregious disparity; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC continues to violate the Constitution of the United States, national and international human rights laws and standards and the federal trust responsibility by eliminating American Indian/Alaska Natives from classification for funding of racially specific capacity building services and furthering the egregious health disparities of American Indians/Alaska Natives; and

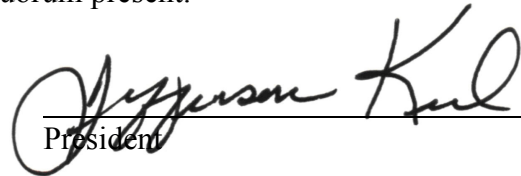
**WHEREAS**, the CDC violated the spirit and tenets of Presidential Executive Order 13175, which requires consultation with tribes prior to policy changes that affect tribal populations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCAI request that CDC allocate specific non-competitive funding for I/T/U's including NNAAPC a National Native HIV/AIDS Resource Center to support prevention, data collection, training, and technical assistance activities in American Indian/Alaska Native communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until the aforementioned proposal is adopted by the CDC.

**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.

  
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Recording Secretary