



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ABQ-10-NICOA2010-001

TITLE: Appropriate funding for gerontology and geriatric research on American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) 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, accessibility to existing research information is cost related and paid for by universities, students, professionals and other interested entities; and

WHEREAS, paying for research data of AI/AN without permission and clear guidelines for its use is exploitation of tribal members, it is for this reason that AI/AN are striving to retain ownership of tribal member specific research data; and

WHEREAS, health care data and information help to enhance opportunities to secure resources for provision of long term care services and development of evidence based studies in AI/ANs communities; and

WHEREAS, gerontology and geriatric evidence based research data and information specific to AI/AN are inaccessible or near non-existent; and

WHEREAS, the lack of research and evidence based data and information specific to AI/AN elders decreases opportunities for tribes to seek alternative funding placing the AI/AN entities at a disadvantage to accessing potential resources to support aging services; and

WHEREAS, students, health care providers and the general public do not have access to gerontology and geriatric data and information and often, health data, and information from similar population demographics is used in an attempt to substantiate health status; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services increase opportunities and direct funding for gerontology and geriatric research to AI/AN entities; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Center for Disease Control, National Institute of Health and Prevention Research Centers increase research for and by AI/AN organizations with direct set aside funding from an increased Congressional appropriation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is policy of NICOA until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2010 Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM on November 14-19, 2010, with a quorum present.

President

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary