



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ABQ-10-NICOA2010-004

TITLE: Preserve, protect, secure and sustain the intent of the Social Security Act.

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 intent of the Social Security Act, Public Law 74-271 is “To provide for the general welfare of Americans by establishing a system of Federal old-age benefits, and by enabling several States to make more adequate provision for aged persons, blind persons, dependent and crippled children, maternal and child welfare, public health and administration of their unemployment compensation laws: to establish a Social Security Board; to raise revenue; and for other purposes.”; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, the total number of retired workers and decedents has grown by 22% with benefit payment amounts of \$603 increased to \$1,158 for retirees, \$587 to \$1,063 for disabled workers and \$557 to \$2,112 for widows or widowers nearly doubling payment, yet the percentage of income contribution has remained at 7.56% for employed persons and 15.5% for individuals; and

WHEREAS, many debates have taken place regarding Social Security including shifting the responsibility of administering and investing the contributor’s share to the retirement and health benefits program to private investors, Transitioning as secured and sound public program to unstable and unreliable private investment firms threatening the future of the current users and future benefactors; and

WHEREAS, the global economy is weak and is inversely impacting individuals, business, and governments at the local, state, and federal levels where the current economic conditions demand a secured future and making the Social Security a strong reliable system; and

WHEREAS, because private investment in the publicly administered retirement program will deplete the fiscal integrity and stability of the Social Security programs; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the United States Congress preserve, protect, secure and sustain the intent of the Social Security Act for the current and future retirees and benefactors; 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