



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #SAC-06-###

**TITLE: RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE DELEGATES TO
THE 2005 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING**

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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 American Indian and Alaska Native delegates appointed by the National Congress of American Indians, elected officials, and through the at-large process to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging effectively represented the issues, concerns and interests of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders in Washington, DC in December 2005.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians does hereby commend the service provided by the delegates in advocating for the concerns of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders to other delegates at the 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA). The elevation of the Director of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Office in the Administration on Aging to the Deputy Assistant Secretary level, the reestablishment of the Indian White House Conference on Aging in the Older Americans Act and increased funding for Title VI programs were some of the implementation strategies forwarded to the President and Congress in the final White House Conference on Aging report. NCAI does not agree with the disclaimer included in the report that the implementation strategies do not reflect the sense of all delegates at the WHCOA. The majority of delegates approved the implementation strategies included in the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Congress of American Indians urges the President and Congress to implement the strategies brought forward by the American Indian and Alaska Native delegates and all other WHCOA delegates included in the final report.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2006 63rd Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, California on October 1-6, 2006 with a quorum present.

President

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary