

## Guidelines for Submission of Resolutions

A NICOA resolution is a statement adopted by its members to drive change. It indicates opposition or support for a change in government policy. It often requests money for programs, projects or to support policy specific to issues that impact American Indian and Alaska Natives Elders. NICOA works with the National Congress of American Indians<sup>1</sup> to present a political resolution.

The resolutions passed by the NICOA voting members cover a broad range of aging topics and are equally important for providing direction to the organization and serve as advocacy tools with policy makers.

NICOA resolutions should include concise background information providing the reasoning for the position or action that you want NICOA to take.

- The resolution should address only one topic or issue. The resolution should be complete, so that when adopted it becomes a clear and formal expression of the NICOA Elders.
- NICOA resolutions should be aging related in nature to advocate for the interests of all American Indian and Alaska Native Elders. Resolutions that focus on regional, state or Tribal specific issues are not in order.
- A resolution endorsed by NICOA shall be the policy of NICOA until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.
- Resolutions certified by NICOA are passed before a duly called biennial meeting of the National Indian Council on Aging membership at which a quorum is present.
- Each resolution must be submitted by a voting member of NICOA and must indicate the initiating individual or entity.
- The region submitting the resolution must select a NICOA voting member to introduce and defend the resolution before the resolutions committee and or before the voting members of the duly called biennial meeting of NICOA. (See attached sample resolution)
- Resolutions must be submitted to the NICOA Executive Director 45 days before the NICOA Biennial meeting (**July 30, 2016**). Late resolutions submitted at the biennial meeting will not be accepted for consideration. The Resolutions committee must be provided sufficient time to review the resolutions to ensure that they are in order.

Resolutions must be submitted 45 days prior to the NICOA biennial meeting (**July 30, 2016**) of its membership.

Send to: National Indian Council on Aging  
Attention: Conference Committee  
10501 Montgomery Blvd, NE, Suite 210  
Albuquerque, NM 87111  
Telephone: (505) 292-2001  
Fax: (505) 292-1922  
Email: [carchibald@nicoa.org](mailto:carchibald@nicoa.org)

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<sup>1</sup> (NCAI) - Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities.

**RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM**  
**ONE TIME DEADLINE: JULY 30, 2016**

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RESOLUTION:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR OF RESOLUTION:  NICOA Member  Non Member

TRIBAL AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON/ REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NICOA DUES PAYING VOTING MEMBER)

CELL PHONE CONTACT/ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

The contact person/representative will be asked to attend, introduce and defend the resolution before the resolutions committee and or before the voting members of NICOA.

**MAIL / EMAIL / FAX this form to:**

NICOA BOARD AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE:

National Indian Council on Aging  
Attn: 2016 NICOA Conference Committee  
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– SAMPLE RESOLUTION –

Resolution # 2016-0\_

**TITLE: Code Talker Recognition Act of \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, we, the members of the National Indian Council on Aging 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 issues and needs of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of our Elders, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) was established in 1976 by Tribal Leaders to advocate for and improve the health and social service programs and economic wellbeing for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders on a national level; and

**WHEREAS**, the bills, HR 4544 and S 2681, introduced in the 110<sup>th</sup> US Congress recognize the contributions made by American Indian Code Talkers using their native languages to send coded messages during combat since the First World War and provides long overdue recognition to a group of elite veterans.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NICOA does hereby support the passage of HR 4544 and S 2681 in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, which recognizes the contributions of all American Indian Code Talkers from World War I and World War II.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be the policy of NICOA until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above resolution was passed before a duly called meeting of the National Indian Council on Aging membership on \_\_\_\_, September 2016, in \_\_\_\_\_, at which a quorum was present.

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

– SAMPLE RESOLUTION –