



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #PDX-11-042

### **TITLE: Supporting the National Indian Gaming Association Principles of Sovereignty and Discussion Draft of Indian Country Amendments to any Internet Gaming Legislation**

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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 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) has a position statement, "Principles of Sovereignty and Discussion Draft of Indian Country Amendments to any Internet Gaming Legislation," and have requested comments on this in advance of potential Congressional legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCAI staff and the NCAI leadership have reviewed the NIGA position statement and provide the following comments:

The National Congress of American Indians continue to work with the National Indian Gaming Association and thank their members for their significant investment of time given to meet with tribes across the United States to take our comments on the improvements needed in the potential legislation for the development of Internet Gaming. We find the position statement to be effective as written and NCAI supports the position statement by the National Indian Gaming Association.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCAI does not support any Federal Internet gaming or Internet Poker legislation; however, in the event that such legislation is moving forward, at a minimum, it must meet the following: "Principles of Sovereignty and Discussion Draft of Indian Country Amendments to any Internet Gaming Legislation" (attached); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NCAI appreciates the efforts of the National Indian Gaming Association; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2011 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon on October 30 – November 4, 2011, with a quorum present.

  
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Recording Secretary