



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians
Resolution #ABQ-10-017

TITLE: Support the Development of a Social Security Administration Ticket-to-Work Employment Network in Indian Country

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, individuals from all backgrounds and cultures including American Indians/Alaska Natives are affected by life impacted disabilities and the need for Rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI resolves to support opportunities for individuals with disabilities to function independently and productively; and

WHEREAS, these opportunities include the ability to vote, to volunteer, to work, and to engage in fulfilling lives, meaningful relationships, and rewarding careers; and

WHEREAS, NCAI encourages tribal communities and leadership to support critical efforts to help improve the opportunities and resources for those living with disabilities, so that they may freely strive to realize their full potential.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI acknowledges the Social Security Administration's commitment to support Ticket-to-Work Employment Networks that serve American Indians and Alaska Natives with disabilities who want to achieve an employment outcome; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI supports the development of a Native American Ticket-to-Work Employment Network, where Tribal Programs and Nations are eligible to become Employment Networks and are able to receive "milestone/outcome" payments to support tribal members with disabilities achieve employment; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCAI urges Tribal programs and Tribal Nations to apply for Employment Network status through the Ticket-to-Work Initiative of the Social Security Administration; 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 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