



**DRAFT RESOLUTION  
CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

**WHEREAS**, American Indian and Alaska Native leaders worked in the United Nations with all countries of the world for more than 30 years to win adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, by Resolution #SAC-06-083, the National Congress of American Indians adopted a resolution calling upon the General Assembly of the United Nations to adopt the Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Declaration and, within a few years, the four countries that voted against it, including the United States, changed their opposition to support; and

**WHEREAS**, the UN Declaration states important legal rights that are essential to the well-being of Indian and Alaska Native nations and to all indigenous peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, the UN Declaration expresses important legal principles that countries are obliged to follow in their relations with indigenous peoples, including Indian and Alaska Native nations, and is a guide for bringing about positive change in federal law and policies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the \_\_\_\_\_ (*Tribe, Nation, Band*)

*Calls upon* the United States and all countries to respect, promote, and fully implement all of the rights declared in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

*Calls upon* the United States, particularly all its administrative departments and agencies, to consult with Indian and Alaska Native nations and tribes for the purpose of implementing and realizing all of the rights declared in the Declaration; and

*Calls upon* the United States, particularly all its administrative departments and agencies, to give immediate consideration to steps that can be taken to change the policies and practices of the federal government to be in compliance with the Declaration; and

*Calls upon* the Congress of the United States to respect and promote the rights set forth in the Declaration, to enact legislation proposed by Native nations to implement the rights in the Declaration, and to conduct regular oversight hearings to examine progress in achieving progress in implementing the rights in the Declaration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the \_\_\_\_\_ (*Tribe, Nation, Band*)

*Commits* itself to collaborate and work with other Indian and Alaska Native nations to form a national campaign to implement the rights in the Declaration and to secure necessary changes in federal laws and policies that are inconsistent with those rights and adverse to the needs of Indian and Alaska Native nations; and further

*Encourages* other Native nations and peoples, including the Natives of Hawaii, to work together for the full realization of all the rights in the Declaration.