

UNITED TRIBES OF NORTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 14-01-01

TITLE: *Requesting the National Congress of American Indians to Seek New Executive Director*

- WHEREAS,** United Tribes of North Dakota ("United Tribes") is an association of the five federally recognized Tribes located in North Dakota, each of which has a government-to-government relationship with the United States established by Treaty, including the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyaté, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Spirit Lake Tribe and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, with a Board of Directors composed of the Chairman and one council member from each member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** United Tribes exists to assist in furthering the common goals of the North Dakota Indian Tribes and Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the current NCAI Executive Director, who was appointed in 2001, has served the NCAI under five Presidents; and
- WHEREAS** there is a growing and unnecessary division between tribal members in the Great Plains Area/Region of the NCAI and the Executive Director, and the extent of that divide has reached a tipping point that we feel alienated, disenfranchised, and disaffected; and
- WHEREAS,** we believe that the NCAI Executive Director has strayed from executing NCAI's core mission and instead has consistently devalued the wishes and recommendations of the tribal members from the Great Plains Area/Region; and
- WHEREAS,** the NCAI Executive Director's actions have severely damaged the working relationship between herself and tribal members of the Great Plains Area/Region as well as other NCAI tribal members who are vital to NCAI as an organization; and
- WHEREAS,** in the days to come, NCAI must remain united to fight external threats to the sovereignty of Indian tribes and must be focused on executing a united strategy and not on divisions which separate members and the Executive Director; and
- WHEREAS,** the NCAI Constitution Article IV, Section B empower the NCAI Executive Committee with "authority to provide for the employment of the Executive Director", a power that includes termination of such employment; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the NCAI Executive Committee to retain competency in the position of Executive Director, and to ensure that the leadership provided by the Executive Committee is respectful to its tribal members which is essential for the fulfillment of NCAI's mission,

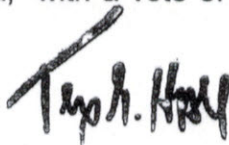
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that United Tribes of North Dakota (UTND) hereby respectfully issues a vote of No Confidence regarding the Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and directs UTND staff to inform the NCAI Executive Committee of such vote; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, United Tribes of North Dakota respectfully requests that the NCAI Executive Committee immediately undertake the appropriate steps to replace the NCAI Executive Director; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of United Tribes of North Dakota until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

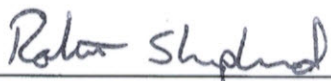
CERTIFICATION

As Chairman of the Board of Directors of United Tribes of North Dakota, I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a meeting of the United Tribes of North Dakota Board of Directors at which a quorum was present, held on the ____ day of August, 2013, in Rapid City, South Dakota, with a vote of ____ in favor, ____ opposed, ____ abstaining, and ____ not present.



Tex G. Hall
Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
Chairman, Board of Directors, United Tribes of North
Dakota

ATTEST:



Robert Shepherd
Chairman, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyaté
Secretary, Board of Directors
United Tribes of North Dakota