

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF WELCOMING THE
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN
INDIANS (NCAI) TO THE OREGON
CONVENTION CENTER AND THANKING
THEM FOR HOSTING THE 68th ANNUAL
CONVENTION AND MARKETPLACE IN THE
PORTLAND REGION

) RESOLUTION NO. 11-4305

) Introduced by Metro Council President Tom
) Hughes

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), founded in 1944, describes itself as the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities; and

WHEREAS, since its founding the NCAI has stressed the need for unity and cooperation among tribal governments for the protection of their treaty and sovereign rights, and since 1944, the National Congress of American Indians has been working to inform the public and Congress on the governmental rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI has grown over the years from its modest beginnings of 100 people to include member tribes from throughout the United States, and now serves as the major national tribal government organization; and


WHEREAS, on October 30th through November 4th, 2011, the NCAI is holding its 68th Annual Convention at the Oregon Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI's 68th Annual Conference will hold a variety of briefings, consultations, and listening sessions with various federal agencies and associations, including the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; the Department of Homeland Security with Secretary Janet Napolitano; the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Denali Commission; the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, Rural Council Roundtable on Agriculture, Food & Nutrition, & Natural Resources; and the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council and the MERC Commission own, operate and manage the Oregon Convention Center (OCC), and the Metro Council and MERC Commission wish to welcome the National Conference of American Indians to the Convention Center and thank the NCAI for locating its 68th Annual Conference in Portland Oregon at the OCC; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council hereby welcomes the National Conference of American Indians to the Convention Center, and hereby thanks the NCAI for locating its 68th Annual Conference at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland Oregon

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 27th day of October 2011


Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Alison Kean Campbell, Acting Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-4305, FOR THE PURPOSE OF WELCOMING THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS TO THE OREGON CONVENTION CENTER AND THANKING THEM FOR HOSTING THE 68TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND MARKETPLACE IN THE PORTLAND REGION

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BACKGROUND

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), is holding its 68th Annual Convention at the Oregon Convention Center from October 30th through November 4th, 2011. The NCAI was founded in 1944. It describes itself as the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities.

NCAI stresses the need for unity and cooperation among tribal governments for the protection of their treaty and sovereign rights. Since 1944, the organization has worked to inform the public and Congress about the rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives. NCAI includes member tribes from throughout the United States, and now serves as the major national tribal government organization.

NCAI's annual conference will include a variety of briefings, consultations, and listening sessions with various federal agencies and associations that are important to Metro and the Portland region. They, include the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; the Department of Homeland Security with Secretary Janet Napolitano; the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Denali Commission; the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, Rural Council Roundtable on Agriculture, Food & Nutrition, & Natural Resources; and the U.S. Department of Justice.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition**

None

2. **Legal Antecedents**

NA

3. **Anticipated Effects**

This resolution is part of ongoing efforts to forge stronger relationships with tribal governments and tribal members. Metro has ongoing partnerships that will be strengthened by this resolution.

4. **Budget Impacts**

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the resolution be adopted and formally shared with leadership of the NCAI.