

Guidelines for Submission of Resolutions

A NICOA resolution is a statement adopted by its members to drive change. It indicates opposition or support for a change in government policy. It often requests money for programs, projects, or to support policy specific to issues that impact American Indian and Alaska Native Elders.

The resolution passed by the NICOA voting membership cover a broad range of aging topics and are equally important for providing direction to the organization and serve as advocacy tools with policy makers.

NICOA resolutions should include concise background information providing the reasoning for the position or action that you want NICOA to take.

- The resolution should address only one topic or issue. The resolution should be complete, so that when adopted it becomes a clear and formal expression of the Elders.
- ALL resolutions should be AGING related in nature to advocate for the interests of all American Indian and Alaska Native Elders. Resolutions that focus on regional, state or Tribal specific issues are NOT in order.
- A resolution endorsed by NICOA shall be the policy of NICOA until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.
- The region submitting the resolution must select a NICOA voting member to introduce and defend the resolution before the resolutions committee and or before the voting members of the duly called biennial meeting of NICOA. (see attached sample resolution)
- Resolutions **MUST be submitted** to the NICOA Executive Director no later **45 DAYS BEFORE** the NICOA biennial meeting, postmarked no later than **JULY 28, 2023**. Late resolutions submitted at the biennial meeting will not be accepted for consideration. The Resolutions committee must be provided sufficient time to review the resolutions to ensure that they are in order.

Resolutions **MUST BE SUBMITTED 45 DAYS PRIOR** to the NICOA biennial meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023, be postmarked no later than **JULY 28, 2023**.

Questions and inquiries can be directed to: Cheryl J. Archibald, Executive Assistant, 505-292-2001 or carchibald@nicoa.org. Email is the preferred way to contact.

MAIL/EMAIL/FAX completed resolutions to:

National Indian Council on Aging, Inc.
Attn: 2023 Conference-Resolutions
8500 Menaul Blvd. NE, Suite B470
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Email to: carchibald@nicoa.org or Fax to: 505-292-1922

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– SAMPLE RESOLUTION –

Resolution # 2023- NICOA WILL ASSIGN

TITLE: Code Talker Recognition Act of _____

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Indian Council on Aging 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 issues and needs of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of our Elders, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) was established in 1976 by Tribal Leaders to advocate for and improve the health and social service programs and economic wellbeing for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders on a national level; and

WHEREAS, the bills, HR 4544 and S 2681, introduced in the 110th US Congress recognize the contributions made by American Indian Code Talkers using their native languages to send coded messages during combat since the First World War and provides long overdue recognition to a group of elite veterans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NICOA does hereby support the passage of HR 4544 and S 2681 in the 110th Congress, which recognizes the contributions of all American Indian Code Talkers from World War I and World War II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of NICOA until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I hereby certify that the above resolution was passed before a duly called meeting of the National Indian Council on Aging membership on 28, September 2023, in Cherokee, ND at which a quorum was present.

Printed Name, Chairman

Printed Name, Secretary

– SAMPLE RESOLUTION – RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

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ONE TIME DEADLINE: JULY 28, 2023

RESOLUTION #: To be assigned by NICOA

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: _____

SPONSOR OF RESOLUTION: _____

TRIBAL AFFILIATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON/ REPRESENTATIVE: _____
(NICOA Dues Paying Member)

CELL PHONE CONTACT/ OTHER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

The contact person/representative will be asked to attend, introduce, and defend the resolution before the resolutions committee and or before the voting members of NICOA.

MAIL / EMAIL / FAX this form to:
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