

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the President of the United States and Congress to restore funding to the federal Indian Jobs Placement Program (15.061), as listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA), which is an Employment Assistance program created for the purposes of job development, social adjustment guidance, counseling, and referrals to job training programs, and other assistance programs through the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation (USTDC) located in Pierre, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the Indian Jobs Placement Program (15.061) supports state departments of labor nationally, particularly the South Dakota Department of Labor, North Dakota Department of Labor, Nebraska Department of Labor, and related state agencies by supplementing state employment and training programs and opportunities, including referrals to job training programs and assistance to Native American citizens relocating or migrating from Indian reservations to urban centers; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Jobs Placement Program (15.061) is a resource to the Office of the Governor nationally, with a regional emphasis on South Dakota, North Dakota, and Nebraska, by cooperative economic initiatives that include partnerships with the private sector to aid in the training and employment of Native Americans, who are one of the most underprivileged and poverty-stricken classes of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Job Placement Program (15.061) is an asset in the buildup to highly technical job development for Native Americans in the fields of remote sensing and information technology for the National Center for Earth Resources Observation Systems (NCEROS) Data Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and elsewhere, as stated in a Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Geological Survey and the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation is an inter-tribal entity organized and incorporated in the State of South Dakota on Monday, 18 May 1970, by the Tribal Chairmen, Presidents, and Chairpersons from eleven *Lakota-Nakota-Dakota* (Sioux) Tribes in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, as follows: Spirit Lake Oyate, North Dakota; Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, North Dakota; Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, South Dakota; Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, South

Dakota; Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, South Dakota; Yankton Sioux Tribe, South Dakota; Flandreau-Santee Sioux Tribe, South Dakota; Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, South Dakota; Rosebud Sioux Tribe, South Dakota; Oglala Sioux Tribe, South Dakota; and Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Jobs Placement Program (15.061) provides employment related assistance to the parents of children migrating to Ziebach County, South Dakota, which is circumscribed by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, and has been identified with the highest incidence of Indian child poverty for children under the age of eighteen years nationally, according to a June 2008 report issued by the Rural Life Census Data Center, South Dakota State University; and

WHEREAS, the American Community-American Indians and Alaska Natives: 2004, issued by the United States Census Bureau in May 2007, reports one-third of all American Indian and Alaska Natives reside in Arizona, California, and Oklahoma, with a Native American population of four million nationwide; and one out of every four American Indians and Alaska Natives live below the poverty line; and South Dakota and Wyoming maintain a larger proportion of American Indian and Alaska Natives than other states:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature strongly urges the President of the United States and Congress to support Native American employment by restoring funds to the Indian Jobs Placement Program (15.061) and Employment Assistance Program of the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation located in Pierre, South Dakota.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 23, 2009
February 25, 2009

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