

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the President of the United States and Congress to fund the National Tribal Cultural Resources Database, as set forth on Wednesday, 27 October 2004, in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Geological Survey (USGS) located in Reston, Virginia, and the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation (USTDC) located in Pierre, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the National Tribal Cultural Resources Database is a national initiative developed by the *Lakota-Nakota-Dakota* (Sioux) Chairmen, Presidents, and Chairpersons through the United Sioux Tribes to maintain an inter-tribal and not-for-public use record of sacred sites, traditional cultural properties, artifacts, and other American Indian and Alaska Native cultural resource records protected under Public Law 110-246; and

WHEREAS, the National Tribal Cultural Resources Database is a resource for tribal historic preservation officers to collaborate with state historical preservation officers on environmental impact statements, programmatic agreements, rules and regulations, notices, and related documents as a resource in government-to-government consultations among American Indians and Alaska Natives and federal and state agencies, according to the terms set forth in Executive Order 13175; and

WHEREAS, the site for the National Tribal Cultural Resources Database facility is anticipated to be located at the National Center for Earth Resources Observation Systems (NCEROS), Karl Mundt Building, 47914 252nd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and administered under the United Sioux Tribes Center for Geographic Information System Resources, United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation as a national repository for American Indian and Alaska Native cultural resource information and related data; and

WHEREAS, the National Tribal Cultural Resources Database is expected to create highly technical jobs and employment opportunities in the highly technical disciplines of remote sensing, information technology, and related earth sciences for American Indians and Alaska Natives at the National Center for Earth Resources Observation Systems (NCEROS) Data Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and on all American Indian reservations nationwide; 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 National Tribal Cultural Resources Database reduces unemployment on Indian reservations underlined by the American Community-American Indians and Alaska Natives: 2004, a survey issued by the United States Census Bureau in May 2007, which reports that one-third of all American Indians and Alaska Natives reside in Arizona, California, and Oklahoma from a national Native American population of four million; 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 Indians 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 Legislatures urges the President of the United States and Congress to fund the National Tribal Cultural Resources Database Program through the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation (USTDC) 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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