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# National Congress of American Indians

Est. 1944

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April 1, 1994

Loretta Avent  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs  
The White House  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Avent:

Pursuant to our discussion today, this is a reiteration of our strong objection to the proposal to have President Bill Clinton participate in the opening day ceremonial activities of the Cleveland Indians, an organization, which perpetuates offensive stereotyping of a religious, dignified people - - American Indians.

The National Congress of American Indians, the nation's largest and oldest federation of tribal governments representing 165 tribes has historically opposed demeaning our people by referring to them as mascots. Racism of any kind is intolerable (See Attachments).

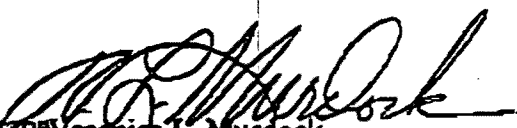
We request that our President, the greatest leader of the free world, send a clear and strong message by not only refusing to participate in this opening day ceremony, but to further state his opposition to these offensive practices.

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Rachel A. Joseph  
Interim Executive Director



Veronica L. Murdock  
Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist

Attachments

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## RESOLUTION NO. EX DC-93-11

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## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF THE REGISTERED SERVICES MARKS OF THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS AKA PRO-FOOTBALL INC.

**WHEREAS,** the American Indian and Alaska Tribal Governments and people have gathered in Crystal City, Virginia, of the Washington, D.C. area, for the 1993 Executive Council Meeting of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in order to promote the common interests and welfare of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples; and

**WHEREAS,** NCAI is the oldest and largest intertribal organization nationwide representative of and advocate for national, regional, and local tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS,** NCAI has read and understands the Cancellation Petition Filed on September 10, 1992, before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board—attached as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS,** NCAI is familiar with the Registered Service Marks of the Washington Redskins and the context in which those marks are used by the Washington Redskins football organization—attached as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS,** the term REDSKINS is not and has never been one of honor or respect, but instead, it has always been and continues to be a pejorative, derogatory, denigrating, offensive, scandalous, contemptuous, disreputable, disparaging and racist designation for Native American's and

**WHEREAS,** the use of the registered service marks identified in Exhibit B to this resolution by the Washington Redskins football organization, has always been and continues to be offensive, disparaging, scandalous, and damaging to Native Americans.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NCAI hereby issues its support of the cancellation petition attached as Exhibit A to this resolution, filed on September 10, 1992, by petitioners Suzan Shown Harjo (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), Vina Deloria, Jr., (Standing Rock Sioux), Raymond D. Apodaca (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo), Norbert S. Hill, Jr. (Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin), Manley A. Begay, Jr. (Navajo Nation), William A. Means (Oglala Sioux Tribe of

# National Congress of American Indians

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## RESOLUTION NO. NV-93-143

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### RESOLUTION TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

**WHEREAS,** we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians 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 rights secured under Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest and largest national organization established in 1944 and comprised of representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and local Tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS,** the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of NCAI; and

**WHEREAS,** NCAI Resolution 93-143, calling for the abolition of Indian nicknames, Mascots and Images and commercial use of these by sporting industries, colleges, universities and automobile manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS,** Senator Ben Campbell-Democrat, Colorado, introduced Senate Bill "the RFK Stadium Bill" which states (no building) until the team changes the name, and

**WHEREAS,** the United States Nations of Oklahoma, NCAI, National Indian Education Association and other National Human Rights organizations have joined in the call to end racism by eliminating Indian Mascots; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NCAI does hereby request Senator Ben Campbell-Democrat, Colorado, and Senator Don Nickles-Republican, Oklahoma, to direct the Justice Department to investigate any human and civil rights violations by colleges, universities, and public institutions that exploit Indian imagery and lifestyles.

# National Congress of American Indians

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## RESOLUTION # MID-GB-93-58

### Denouncement of the Use of any American Indian Name of Artifice Associated With Team Mascots by any Professional/Non-professional Sport Teams

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**WHEREAS,** the American Indian and Alaska Tribal Governments and people have gathered in Green Bay, Wisconsin for the Mid-Year Meeting of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in order to promote the common interests and welfare of American Indians and Alaskan Native peoples; and

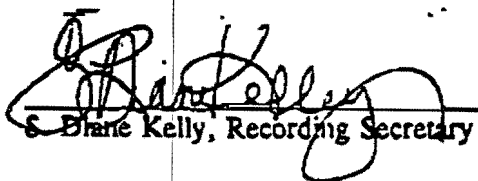
**WHEREAS,** NCAI is the oldest and largest intertribal organization nationwide representative of and advocate for national, regional, and local tribal concerns; and,

**WHEREAS,** the NCAI condemns the racist and condescending attitude of team owners, colleges and high schools, which continue to demean the members of our Nations; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NCAI denounces the use of any American Indian name or Artifice associated with team mascots; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NCAI calls upon all reasonable individuals in decision making positions to voluntarily change racist and dehumanizing mascots.

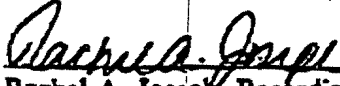
#### CERTIFICATION

  
S. Diane Kelly, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the Executive Council at the Mid-Year Meeting of the National Congress of American Indians, June 28-30, 1993.

Pine Ridge), and Mateo Romero (Cochiti Pueblo), against the registered marks identified in Exhibit B to this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

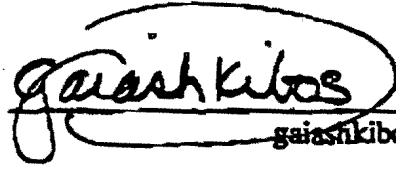
  
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Rachel A. Joseph, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the Executive Council during the Executive Council Meeting, January 18-19, 1993, Crystal City, Virginia.


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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 1993 Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Nugget Hotel, in Reno/Sparks, Nevada, on the 3rd day of December 1993, with a quorum present.

  
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gaiashkibos, President

ATTEST:

  
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Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 1993 Annual Convention, November 28-December 3, 1993, Reno/Sparks, Nevada.