CELEBRATE THE NCAI 70th ANNIVERSARY

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2006 NCAI Conference

1944 – The founders of NCAI in Denver, CO.

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Representing All Members Everywhere

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It is with great pride that I provide you with information regarding the National Congress of American Indians for which I serve as Vice President for the Midwest region. The photo above was taken when I served as the local host for the Summer 2006 NCAI conference. In this role, I have been called upon to testify in the U.S. Congress several times including supporting President Obama's national budget as it relates to American Indian funding pursuant to treaty obligations. The access that we have gained through NCAI, and through Cathy Abramson's leadership as the Chairperson of the National Indian Health Board, has more than made up for not having a federal lobbyist. For this, I am grateful for the work of NCAI to advance our causes as well as that of all American Indians.

The National Congress of American Indians was founded in 1944 as a response to the termination and assimilation policies the US government forced upon tribal governments in contradiction of their treaty rights and status as sovereign nations. To this day, protecting these inherent and legal rights remains the primary focus of NCAI.

Today, with hundreds of member tribes and thousands of individual members, NCAI is still dedicated to the Mission and Founding Principles of the organization, which include:

- Securing and preserving American Indian and Alaska Native sovereign rights.

- Protecting American Indian and Alaska Native traditional, cultural and religious rights.

- Enhancing the quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

- Educating the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people, and rights.

As we head into celebrating **NCAI's 70th Anniversary** we are looking to strengthening the voice of Indian Country, our organization is strong but with your support we can be stronger still. Membership dues and other contributions from tribes like yours helped us accomplish the following:

Approval of **unprecedented trust settlements** - $3.4 billion for the *Cobell* settlement, tribal trust settlements over $1.1 billion and water settlements over $2 billion.

Legislation and regulations that **streamline leasing and expand energy development.**

Passage of legislation to expand tribal jurisdiction to **protect Native women and respond to natural disasters** by enhancing our Public Safety and Emergency Management.

Protect and Restore Tribal Lands – NCAI works every day to address the BIA's land acquisition program and Supreme Court cases like **Patchak** and **Carcieri** that threaten tribal rights.

Assert Tribal Tax Rights – NCAI has led the effort to address IRS overreach on general welfare programs and trust per capitas, and many other issues like tobacco taxes.

Educate the General Public About Native Peoples, including continuing the decades long work to eliminate derogatory "Indian" mascots. NCAI's mascot campaign had an unprecedented impact on the conversation, our **"Proud to Be"** YouTube video secured over 3 million hits and brought Indian Country into the national conversation like never before.

This year, Indian Country faces a number of challenges:

Protecting the **Indian Country Budget.** Including fighting for full funding of contract support costs. (As included in the President's FY 2015 Budget.)

— Continuing to focus on protecting **tribal homelands and tribal lands restoration**.

— Bringing self-determination to **tribal energy development**.

— Ensuring tribal provisions are **enhanced and protected in Congressional reauthorizations such as education, housing, transportation, and Special Diabetes programs**.

— Strengthening and protecting **tribal economic development opportunities** through inclusion in tax extender legislation, trust modernization, and energy legislation.

— Working to track and improve the **consultation process** and **government-to-government relationships.**
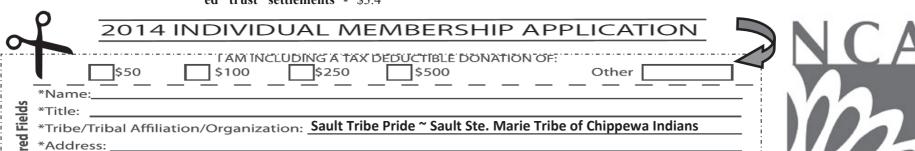
— Continuing to support information-sharing in Indian Country for tribes working on **implementation of the Tribal Law and Order Act enhanced sentencing as well as the Violence Against Women Act special jurisdiction provisions.**

— Working to **secure Native voting rights** through amendments to the Voting Rights Act and consultation on the Department of Justice's proposal regarding voting sites on Indian reservations.

To meet these challenges, NCAI is asking all tribal leaders, tribal members and supporters to join NCAI either with Tribal Membership, Indian Individual Membership, Associate Individual Membership or Associate Organization Membership.

There is no better investment than being a dues-paying member of NCAI. I am urging you to be a part of hundreds of tribes, tribal members, and supporters of Indian Country from around the nation to amplify our collective voice. This tribal membership will be updated for our 2014-2015 membership cycle commencing at our 71st Annual Convention in Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 26-31, 2014. Be a part of this historic year and join today!

Please consider my personal commitment to this organization and consider making a contribution as a Sault Tribe member so we can show our "Sault Tribe Pride! "

Chi Miigwech, Neegee!

2014 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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