

**California Native American
Justice and Equal Economic Opportunity Legislative Initiative**

Whereas, the Indian Civil Rights Act (ICRA) of 1968 guarantees in moral, ethical and legal spirit – if not in fact – equality, fairness and justice through due process to all Native Americans in the United States and the State of California;

And whereas, California State Proposition 5 and Proposition 1A as enacted by the voters of California in 1998 and 2000 provided for federally recognized tribes to legally engage in gaming with the premise of equal economic opportunity for all California Native Americans;

And whereas, many members of federally recognized Indian tribes within the State of California are being de-enrolled, have been terminated under the Termination Act of 1953, are experiencing illegal enrollment moratoriums, and/or are under the threat of such procedures with their human dignity and constitutional rights denied through the absence of equitable due process and lack of meaningful recourse;

Therefore, be it resolved that the California Democratic Party recognizes that the aforementioned inequities and injustices which are being carried out against Native Americans are contrary to the longstanding values, principles, and ideals of the Democratic Party;

And be it further resolved that the Democratic Party of California supports legislative initiatives at the State and Federal level to reform the provisions of the Indian Civil Rights Act (ICRA) of 1968 to redress the human and civil right abuses of California Native Americans – and, reform California State Proposition 1A with the intent of providing equal economic opportunity for all California Native Americans.

This was unanimously approved by the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee meeting at the regular monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.



Joel Murillo
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