

Board Resolution

December 6-7, 1979

Re: provision of legal services for Native Americans

WHEREAS, Native Americans stand in a unique legal position in the United States. Native American tribes and their members derive their rights not only from Constitutional Law, Federal Law and State Law, but also from the inherent sovereignty of the tribes;

WHEREAS, the Federal government in the initial implementation of legal services, provided through the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Community Services Administration, recognized the unique legal status and legal needs of Native Americans by establishing special legal services programs to low income Native Americans;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the special legal needs of Native Americans the Legal Services Corporation has continued to commit itself to provide special programs to serve low income Native Americans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Legal Services Corporation hereby affirms that all policies implemented by the staff of the Corporation insure, to the extent possible, that the special unique needs of Native Americans are considered and met.