

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress and the President to recognize tribal identification cards as a valid form of identification for all official purposes.

WHEREAS, tribal identification cards are only issued after a thorough review process that includes proving the applicant's name, date of birth, and lineage, and serves as the most important and first form of identification for many tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the large percentage of tribal members living in South Dakota gives the state a significant interest in assuring that all tribal members are able to access an identification card or driver license issued by the state that complies with the federal REAL ID requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota recognizes tribal identification cards as sufficient identification for all purposes except issuing a REAL ID compliant identification card or driver license and the state would like to recognize tribal identification cards for those purposes; and

WHEREAS, the federal REAL ID Act and regulations prevent the State of South Dakota from recognizing tribal identification cards as a sufficient form of identification for purposes of issuing REAL ID compliant documents; and

WHEREAS, the governments of other sovereign nations recognize tribal identification cards as sufficient identification; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has a responsibility to protect tribal sovereignty and to fulfill its obligations to the Native American tribes and people:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature respectfully requests Congress and the President of the United States to recognize tribal identification cards as valid identification for all official purposes, including obtaining a REAL ID compliant identification card or driver license.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 25, 2015
March 4, 2015

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