



**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF TRIBAL COURTS**

- WHEREAS** the tribal courts serve the children and families of sovereign nations with the same authority and with the same responsibility as the state courts; and
- WHEREAS** the National Association for Court Management (NACM) acknowledges that the tribal courts have historically not been regarded as equal in status with the state courts and that, as a result, the tribal courts and the children and families served by the tribal courts have been denied many of the resources available to the state courts; and
- WHEREAS** NACM acknowledges that tribal and state courts are equal and parallel justice systems; and
- WHEREAS** NACM acknowledges the critical work of the tribal judges and the tribal judicial leadership organizations that support the important work of tribal judges to use effective practices, and to strive to provide the supports for tribal courts to effectively serve native children and families; and
- WHEREAS** NACM is committed to partnering with tribal courts and judges as allies consistent with the commitment of all courts to meet the needs of all children and families served by the state courts and tribal courts without discrimination or favor; and
- WHEREAS** the voice of tribal court managers is a necessary component in NACM's ability to fulfill its mission; and
- WHEREAS** NACM recognizes that children and families are best served within the contexts of their community and honors the relationship that tribal courts have within their Tribes; **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED** that NACM is committed to engaging tribal court managers as full partners in fulfilling the mission of NACM and in meeting the needs of all children and families served by the state and tribal courts; **BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED** that NACM shall work with the tribal courts, tribal councils and other tribal authorities to ensure equal treatment of all native families and children at all levels of government.

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