

INTERTRIBAL MONITORING ASSOCIATION on Indian Trust Funds
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ITMA RESOLUTION #07ITMA01

A Resolution of the Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds to reject the United States Government's concepts, as a complete package, to amend S.1439 "The Indian Trust Reform Act of 2006"

Whereas, the Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds (ITMA) is an organization of sixty-five (65) federally recognized Tribes, all of whom have joined the Association due to their significant interest in the administration of the Indian trust; and,

Whereas, the ITMA has been involved in all efforts over the last 16 plus years to reform trust administration and has advocated to protect the rights and remedies of individual Indians and to prevent the erosion of tribal government authorities; and,

Whereas, the ITMA, like other national Indian organizations and individual Indians, responded to S.1439, introduced on July 20, 2005 by Senator John McCain, and ITMA has also responded to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) draft revisions to the bill, which were released on August 4, 2006, and,

Whereas, the ITMA remains skeptical of the motives of the Bush Administration for failing to respond in writing to both the initial bill and the August, 2006 SCIA draft revisions to the bill and now has only proposed oral concepts to the SCIA staff but left them the burden of attempting to capture in writing the Administration's proposed concepts for distribution to Indian Country, and,

Whereas, the ITMA worked diligently with other Indian organizations and individuals to develop, endorse and present to Congress the 50 Trust Principles necessary to guide a comprehensive Indian trust administration reform effort; and,

Whereas, the ITMA or other Tribal groups had not considered or endorsed the inclusion of Tribal claims in any trust settlement that would be included in S. 1439; and,

Whereas, the ITMA has worked diligently and in good faith with the Department of Interior on the ITMA Tribal Trust Fund Settlement Project to develop a methodology for resolution of tribal claims and remains committed to complete the project on behalf of the participating tribes and to make the process available for future use by interested tribes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. ITMA rejects the United States Government's concepts, as a complete package, to revise S.1439 but is willing consider some of the proposed concepts separately; and
2. ITMA supports continued efforts to achieve settlement of the *Cobell v. Kempthorne* litigation; and
3. ITMA requests that DOI continue funding for the ITMA Tribal Trust Settlement Project; and

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ITMA Resolution #07ITMA01 was duly adopted at the official Annual Meeting of the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds held in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 25-27, 2006, at which time a quorum of the Tribal Membership was present.

ATTEST:


Chairman Carl Venne (Crow)
ITMA Chairman


Councilwoman Melinda Danforth (Oneida)
ITMA Secretary