

## **The Lipan Apache Tribe's Stance on Native Logos, Organizations, and Mascots**

As a voting tribal member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Lipan Apache Tribe supports the work and purpose of this great organization and endorses the various NCAI resolutions on Native logos, organization names, and mascots. These resolutions are as follows:

1. Resolution TUL-13-050: Commending Efforts to Eliminate Racist Stereotypes in Sports and Calling on the U.S. President and Congress to Combat These Continuing Affronts to Native Peoples  
<http://www.ncai.org/resources/resolutions/commending-efforts-to-eliminate-racist-stereotypes-in-sports-and-calling-on-the-u-s-president-and-congress-to-combat-these-continuing-affronts-to-native-peoples>
2. Resolution DEN-18-044: Opposing the Washington NFL Team's Return to the District of Columbia until the Franchise Changes Its Offensive Name and Opposing the Negative Terminology it Engenders  
<http://www.ncai.org/resources/resolutions/opposing-the-washington-nfl-team-s-return-to-the-district-of-columbia-until-the-franchise-changes-its-offensive-name>
3. Resolution TUL-05-087: Support for NCAA Ban on "Indian" Mascots  
<http://www.ncai.org/resources/resolutions/support-for-ncaa-ban-on-indian-mascots>
4. Resolution ANC-14-018: Support for the Elimination of Race-Based Native Logos, Mascots, and Names by State Athletic Associations Receiving Federal Funds  
<http://www.ncai.org/resources/resolutions/support-for-the-elimination-of-race-based-native-logos-mascots-and-names-by-state-athletic-associations-receiving-federal-funds>
5. Resolution ATL-14-011: Urging the U.S. Secretary of Education to Take Substantive Action Regarding Schools with "Native" Sports Stereotypes  
<http://www.ncai.org/resources/resolutions/urging-the-u-s-secretary-of-education-to-take-substantive-action-regarding-schools-with-native-sports-stereotypes>

Furthermore, we acknowledge that it can be, as NCAI states, a "difficult and sensitive issue" as people may have strong emotional and financial attachment for a team and its name/logo/mascot. Some organizations or schools may even mistake support of an individual member for their Native team name, logo, or mascot as likewise support from the whole tribe. It is also possible that when a sports-related depiction represents a particular tribe, the tribe may choose to work with the sponsoring organization to develop or maintain a respectful representation. So, we take into consideration individual opinions of members that may at times differ from our stance or where they work with the organization to maintain respect. Ultimately, though, we oppose any offensive or derogatory image or portrayal that "degrade, slander, mock, or belittle Native people."