

## SJRES 37

A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** May 6, 2004

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 638.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 638. (Jul 15, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/37>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]	R · CO		May 6, 2004
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 6, 2004
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 18, 2004
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 15, 2004
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 16, 2004
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 30, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 15, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HJRES 98	Identical bill	<b>Jun 18, 2004:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

Declares that the United States acting through Congress: (1) recognizes the special legal and political relationship the Indian tribes have with it, the solemn covenant with the land we share, and that there have been years of official depredations, ill-conceived policies, and the breaking of covenants by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes; (2) commends and honors the Native Peoples for the thousands of years that they have stewarded and protected this land; (3) apologizes on behalf of the people of the United States to all Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect inflicted on them by U.S. citizens; (4) expresses its regret for the ramifications of former offenses and its commitment to build on the positive relationships of the past and present to move toward a brighter future where all the people of this land live reconciled as brothers and sisters, and harmoniously steward and protect this land together; (5) urges the President to acknowledge the wrongs of the United States against Indian tribes in U.S. history in order to bring healing to this land by providing a proper foundation for reconciliation between such entities; and (6) commends the State governments that have begun reconciliation efforts with recognized Indian tribes located in their boundaries and encourages all State governments similarly to do the same.

Provides that nothing in this Joint Resolution authorizes any claim against the United States or serves as a settlement of any claim against it.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 15, 2004:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Campbell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. With written report No. 108-310.
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- **Jul 15, 2004:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 638.
- **Jun 23, 2004:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 6, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 6, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5002-5003)
- **May 6, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5003)