

SUBCHAPTER VIII—NATIVE AMERICAN  
PROGRAMS

**§ 2991. Short title**

This subchapter may be cited as the “Native American Programs Act of 1974”.

(Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, § 801, as added Pub. L. 93-644, § 11, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2323.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2991, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, § 801, as added Pub. L. 89-794, title VIII, § 801, Nov. 8, 1966, 80 Stat. 1472; amended Pub. L. 90-222, title I, § 110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 722; Pub. L. 92-424, § 26(a), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 703, related to Congressional statement of purpose, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 93-113, title VI, § 603, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 417. See section 4951 of this title.

SHORT TITLE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-394, § 1, Dec. 14, 2006, 120 Stat. 2705, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 2991b-3, 2992c, and 2992d of this title] may be cited as the ‘Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-361, § 1, Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3278, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 2991b-1 and 2992d of this title] may be cited as the ‘Native American Programs Act Amendments of 1998’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1992 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 102-524, § 1, Oct. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 3434, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 2991b-3 of this title and amending section 2992d of this title], other than section 4 [enacting provisions set out as a note under section 2001 of Title 25, Indians], may be cited as the ‘Native American Languages Act of 1992’.”

Pub. L. 102-375, title VIII, § 821, Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1295, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle C (§§ 821, 822) of title VIII of Pub. L. 102-375, enacting sections 2991b-2, 2991c, 2992-1, 2992a-1, and 2992b of this title, amending sections 2991a to 2991b-1, 2991d to 2992, 2992c, and 2992d of this title, and repealing former sections 2991c and 2992b of this title] may be cited as the ‘Native American Programs Act Amendments of 1992’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-408, § 1, Oct. 4, 1990, 104 Stat. 883, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 2991b and 2992d of this title] may be cited as the ‘Indian Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Act of 1990’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-175, title V, § 501, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 973, provided that: “This title [enacting sections 2991b-1, 2991d-1 and 2992b-1 of this title and amending sections 2991a, 2991b, 2991d-1, 2991f, 2992c, and 2992d of this title] may be cited as the ‘Native American Programs Act Amendments of 1987’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-558, title X, § 1001, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2905, provided that: “This title [amending sections 2991b, 2992b to 2992d of this title] may be cited as the ‘Native American Programs Act Amendments of 1984’.”

**§ 2991a. Congressional statement of purpose**

The purpose of this subchapter is to promote the goal of economic and social self-sufficiency for American Indians, Native Hawaiians, other Native American Pacific Islanders (including American Samoan Natives), and Alaska Natives.

(Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, § 802, as added Pub. L. 93-644, § 11, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2324; amended

Pub. L. 100-175, title V, §§ 504(b)(1), 506(c)(1), Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 975, 978; Pub. L. 102-375, title VIII, § 822(21), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1300; Pub. L. 103-171, § 5(1), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1991.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2991a, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, § 802, as added Pub. L. 89-794, title VIII, § 801, Nov. 8, 1966, 80 Stat. 1473, covered recruitment, selection, training, referral, and assignment of volunteers and consent of Governors of States in which these activities were conducted, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-222, title I, § 110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 722.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-171 substituted “Alaska” for “Alaskan”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-375, which directed the substitution of “Alaska Native” for “Alaskan Native”, could not be executed because the words “Alaskan Native” did not appear.

1987—Pub. L. 100-175, § 506(c)(1), substituted “Native Hawaiians” for “Hawaiian Natives”.

Pub. L. 100-175, § 504(b)(1), inserted “, other Native American Pacific Islanders (including American Samoan Natives),” after “Hawaiian Natives”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 504(b)(1) of Pub. L. 100-175 effective Oct. 1, 1987, and amendment by section 506(c)(1) of Pub. L. 100-175 effective upon expiration of 90-day period beginning Nov. 29, 1987, see section 701(a), (c) of Pub. L. 100-175, set out as a note under section 3001 of this title.

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES’ STUDY AND REPORT  
WITH PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF ALASKA NATIVES COMMISSION

Pub. L. 104-270, Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3301, provided that:

“SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY.

“The Congress finds and declares the following:

“(1) The Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives (hereafter in this Act referred to as the ‘Alaska Natives Commission’) was established by Public Law 101-379 (42 U.S.C. 2991a note) following the publication in 1989 of the ‘Report on the Status of Alaska Natives: A Call for Action’ by the Alaska Federation of Natives and after extensive congressional hearings which focused on the need for the first comprehensive assessment of the social, cultural, and economic condition of Alaska’s 86,000 Natives since the enactment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 92-203 [43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.].

“(2) The 14-member Alaska Natives Commission held 15 regional hearings throughout Alaska between July 1992 and October 1993, and 2 statewide hearings in Anchorage coinciding with the Conventions of 1992 and 1993 of the Alaska Federation of Natives. In May 1994, the Alaska Natives Commission issued its 3 volume, 440 page report. As required by Public Law 101-379, the report was formally conveyed to the Congress, the President of the United States, and the Governor of Alaska.

“(3) The Alaska Natives Commission found that many Alaska Native individuals, families, and communities were experiencing a social, cultural, and economic crisis marked by rampant unemployment, lack of economic opportunity, alcohol abuse, depression, and morbidity and mortality rates that have been described by health care professionals as ‘staggering’.

“(4) The Alaska Natives Commission found that due to the high rate of unemployment and lack of economic opportunities for Alaska Natives, government