



## **RESOLUTION ON THE LAW OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OR THE LAW OR ANY FOREIGN NATIONS IN STATE COURTS**

**WHEREAS** the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1983, is a coalition created to act as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member organizations; and

**WHEREAS** the member organizations of the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color are the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA); and

**WHEREAS**, several states have passed or are in the process of passing laws, whether via initiative or legislation, which outlaws the consideration of Islamic or Sharia law in state courts.

**WHEREAS**, such state laws generally forbid state courts to consider international law or the law or any foreign nation, or to honor the laws or decisions of other states in which courts consider international law or the law or any foreign nation.

**WHEREAS**, general references in such state laws to “international law” or “the law or any foreign nation” could be construed by courts to forbid consideration of the various laws of federally-recognized tribal governments, and thereby greatly disturb federal Indian and tribal law and jurisprudence as applied in federal, state and tribal courts and tribunals.

**WHEREAS**, preventing a state court from considering the laws of other states which consider international law or the law or any foreign nation could operate to greatly disturb legal notions of full faith and credit and comity amongst and between state, federal and tribal courts and tribunals.

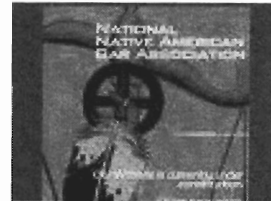
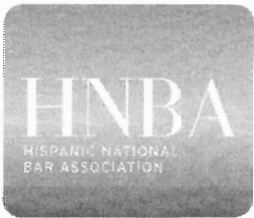
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color hereby denounces any state law or effort that seeks or operates to outlaw a state court’s consideration of tribal law, or to forbid a state court from honoring the laws or decisions of other states in which courts consider tribal law.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the legislative priority of the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

### **CERTIFICATION**

WE, the duly-elected Presidents of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American

Bar Association (NNABA), hereby certify that they foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by a duly-noticed meetings of the Board of Directors.



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7/20/11

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