

2007 RESOLUTION: DISCONTINUING THE USE OF NATIVE AMERICAN NICKNAMES, LOGOS AND MASCOTS IN SPORTS

From: Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division

Statement by the Society for the Study of Social Problems Supporting the American Sociological Association Resolution that calls for Discontinuing the Use of Native American Nicknames, Logos and Mascots in Sports

WHEREAS the members of the Society for the Study of Social Problems recognize the need to fight racism, prejudice and discrimination;

WHEREAS the Society for the Study of Social Problems recognizes the harm that is caused by stereotypes of Native Americans embodied in the use of nicknames, logos and mascots in sports;

WHEREAS many Native American individuals across the United States have found Native American nicknames, logos and mascots in sport offensive and called for their elimination; and

WHEREAS the continued use of Native American nicknames, logos and mascots in sport has been condemned by numerous reputable academic, educational and civil rights organizations, and the vast majority of Native American advocacy organizations, including but not limited to: American Anthropological Association, American Psychological Association, North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Modern Language Association, United States Commission on Civil Rights, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Association of American Indian Affairs, National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Education Association and American Sociological Association; whose resolution on this issue served as the foundation for this current resolution and the shared wording has been used with permission of the author and association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society for the Study of Social Problems along with the American Sociological Association call for discontinuing the use of Native American nicknames, logos and mascots in sport.