

1 of local self-government and economic enterprise, to the end  
2 that civil liberty, political responsibility, and economic  
3 independence shall be achieved among the Indian peoples  
4 of the United States, and to provide for cooperation between  
5 the Federal Government, the States, and organized Indian  
6 communities for Indian welfare. It is further declared to  
7 be the policy of Congress that those functions of govern-  
8 ment now exercised over Indian reservations by the Federal  
9 Government through the Department of the Interior and  
10 the Office of Indian Affairs shall be gradually relinquished  
11 and transferred to the Indians of such reservations, duly  
12 organized for municipal and other purposes, as the ability  
13 of such Indians to administer the institutions and functions  
14 of representative government shall be demonstrated, and  
15 that those powers of control over Indian funds and assets  
16 now vested in officials of the Federal Government shall be  
17 terminated or transferred to the duly constituted govern-  
18 ments of local Indians communities as the capacity of the  
19 Indians concerned, to manage their own economic affairs  
20 prudently and effectively, shall be demonstrated. It is  
21 further declared to be the policy of Congress to assist in  
22 the development of Indian capacities for self-government  
23 and economic competence by providing for the necessary  
24 training of Indians, and by rendering financial assistance and  
25 cooperation in establishing Indian communities.