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NICWA issues statement on U.S. Supreme Court decision

Portland, Ore. – The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) issued the following statement today in response to the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*:

We are relieved that the Indian Child Welfare Act was upheld today. This opinion confirms that Congress retains the authority to protect Indian children. The case has been sent back to the South Carolina Supreme Court based on a technicality. Although we are deeply disappointed that this case is not over, Dusten will continue to fight for his daughter and we believe that he will prevail and that Veronica will stay with her family.

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