



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

August 14, 2009

S.J. Res. 14

**A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history
of official depredations and ill-conceived policies
by the federal government regarding Indian tribes
and offer an apology to all Native Peoples
on behalf of the United States**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on August 6, 2009

S.J. Res. 14 would declare that the United States, acting through the Congress, recognizes and acknowledges the history of Native Peoples in the United States and would apologize to Native Peoples on behalf of the United States. The resolution also would apologize for instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect that were inflicted upon Native Peoples by U.S. citizens. The resolution would not support any claim nor serve as a settlement of any pending claim against the United States. Accordingly, CBO estimates that implementing S.J. Res. 14 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S. J. Res. 14 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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