



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ATL-14-080

TITLE: Support for NCAI, in Conjunction with NIEA and Other Educational Associations, to Evaluate of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, through its unique relationship with Indian nations and tribes, the federal government has established programs and resources to meet the educational needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives residing on and off their reserved or non-reserved homelands; and

WHEREAS, The White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education (Initiative) was established by Executive Order 13592 on December 2, 2011, titled – “Improving American Indian and Alaska Native Educational Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities;” and

WHEREAS, The Initiative, located within the Department of Education, seeks to support activities that will strengthen the nation by expanding educational opportunities and academic success for all American Indian and Alaska Native students; and

WHEREAS, there are nine primary functions contained within the Initiative and one of these functions mandates the coordination of overall implementation of the Executive Order and the development of the federal four-year plans and annual federal agency reporting, and hold federal agencies accountable for fulfilling requirements of the Executive Order, submitting plans, and addressing emerging needs of American Indian and Alaska Native academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, now entering its four year anniversary Executive Order 13592 has had the necessary time for full implementation within federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a full and complete evaluation measuring the effectiveness of Executive Order 13592 and its implementation, including the request of agency work plans, reports and findings concerning the Initiative.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI, along with NIEA and other educational associations, will gather and evaluate information, reports, work plans and outcomes regarding the implementation and impact of Executive order 13592; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI and NIEA and other educational associations will collaborate to survey stakeholders and members to measure viewpoints, evaluate and document impact of Executive Order 13592; and

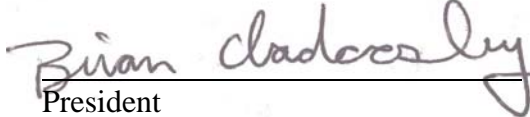
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI, NIEA, and other educational associations will study and disseminate its findings to its membership, American Indian/Alaska Native stakeholders, federal partners and agencies, and Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that evaluation updates be provided to the 2015 NCAI Mid-Year Conference and subsequent NCAI national meetings as needed; and

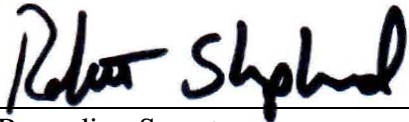
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, October 26-31, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia, with a quorum present.


President

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary