



37<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL INDIAN & NATIVE AMERICAN  
EMPLOYMENT / PUBLIC LAW 102-477 TRAINING  
Reno, Nevada  
August 25, 2016



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-01

**Strengthen Indian Country's Voice in DOL Decision Making**

We, the Indian and Native American Grantees of the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training/477 Conference (NINAETC) attending the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and the several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Native people, to preserve Indian and Native cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian and Native people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the NINAETC are the representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the NINAETC is a national organization comprised of American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of NINAETC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Native American Employment and Training Council filed a resolution to the Secretary of Labor on February 25, 2015 to address funding allotments, waiver of four year designation for grantee performance, culturally relevant performance indicators and standards for adult and youth programs,

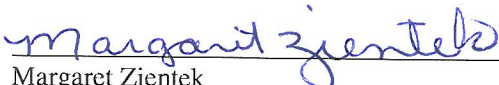
**WHEREAS**, the NAETC resolution was referred by the Secretary's Office to the Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP) which clearly indicates the U.S. Department of Labor is not recognizing the voice of the American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians communities at the cabinet level;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 37<sup>th</sup> National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference insist the U.S. Department Labor strengthen Indian Country's voice in DOL decision making through consultation and by elevating the authority of the NAETC to have direct consultation with the Office of the Secretary, and elevate the Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP) within the structure with a direct relationship to the Office of the Assistant Secretary and the Secretary.

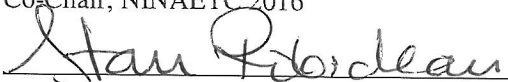
**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual National Indian and Native American Employment and Training/477 Conference, held at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno, Nevada, on August 25, 2016 with a quorum present.

  
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