



**39<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN  
EMPLOYMENT / PUBLIC LAW 102-477 TRAINING**  
Marksville, Louisiana  
April 12, 2018



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-02**

**Opposition to the Proposed Transfer of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act,  
Section 166 Program to the State Adult Formula Program**

We, the Indian and Native American Grantees of the National Indian and Native American Employment/Public Law 102-477 Training Conference (NINAETC/477) attending the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Marksville, Louisiana, 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/477 are the representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the NINAETC/477 is a national organization comprised of American Indians, Alaska 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/477; and

**WHEREAS**, the President's FY 2019 Budget proposes to eliminate standalone funding for the "unproven" INA Program, instead creating a Native American set-aside within the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult formula grant program in order to bring the provision of workforce services to Native American adults into the core workforce system; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed transfer of the Section 166 Program to the State Adult formula grant program has been initiated without consideration or respect for the consultation process with the Advisory Council or the principles of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and the government to government relationship between the Federal government and Indian Tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed transfer of the Section 166 Program to the State Adult formula grant program has been initiated without the advice and consent of the Native American Employment and Training Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed transfer of the Section 166 Program to the State Adult formula grant program impacts an eligible; and Indian and Native American population residing on reservation, urban, and rural communities and includes a grantee community representing U.S. federally and state recognized tribe, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed transfer of the Section 166 Program to the State Adult formula grant program seriously jeopardizes the ability of grantees to receive and administer federal funds or to integrate the use of federal funds as provided presently; and

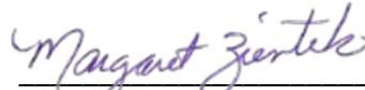
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 39<sup>th</sup> National Indian and Native American Employment/ Public Law 102-477 Training Conference does hereby request the U.S. Department of Labor honor the unique status of the Native American population and the corresponding need to administer the Indian and Native American programs as the national level with special regard to the government to government relationship.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 39<sup>th</sup> National Indian and Native American Employment and Training/Public Law 102-477 Training Conference held at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, Louisiana on April 12, 2018 with a quorum present.



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Paula Starr  
Co-Chair



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Margaret Zientek  
Co-Chair