



**40th NATIONAL INDIAN AND NATIVE
AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
AND PUBLIC LAW 102-477 CONFERENCE**

Durant, Oklahoma

April 18, 2019



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-006

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 and Training and Public Law 102-477 Conference (NINAETC/477) attending the 40th Annual Conference in Durant, Oklahoma 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 representation of and advocates for national, regional, and tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the NINAETC/477 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/477; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2020 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 and 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

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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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 40th National Indian and Native American Employment and Training and Public Law 102-477 Conference, held at the Choctaw Casino and Resort, Durant, Oklahoma on April 18, 2019 with a quorum present is in opposition to the Proposed Transfer of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Section 166 Program to the State Adult Formula Program.



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