



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

Durant, Oklahoma

April 18, 2019



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-007

Support of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. Resolution No. 19.03.06
regarding WIOA Department of Labor Native American Programs

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 Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. ("ENIPC"), is comprised of the Northern New Mexico Pueblos of Taos, Picuris, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Pojoaque, Nambe and Tesuque; and

WHEREAS, the ENIPC Board of Governors is comprised of appointed and elected Tribal Governors from the respective Eight Northern Pueblo Tribes; and

WHEREAS, ENIPC is established to provide community-based services in the areas of education, employment and training, behavioral health, domestic violence counseling, senior services, environmental support services, child care providing, commodity distribution, woman and infant services, and administrative support services; and

WHEREAS, The Indian and Native American (INA) Employment and Training Programs are seriously threatened by dwindling funding levels from approximately \$225 Million in 1979 to the 2018 Funding Allocation of \$66 Million. Indian Country populations are among the fastest

growing historically the most socially and economically disadvantage population in the United States of America, with the highest unemployment and school dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, Failure by the U.S. Department of Labor to adequately increase financial and program support have had an adverse impact on the WIOA Section 166 programs and unless addressed immediately, these impacts will threaten long-term sustainable employment, economic growth, and community stability for generations to come; 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 support the Eight Northern Pueblos Council, Inc. Resolution No. 19.03.06 to fully fund the WIOA Section 166 programs as required by law; Re-establish the Native American Employment and Training Council (NAETC); Honor the Federal relationship through consistency competency and support; Restore the Division of Indian and Native American Programs staff levels and authority of the Chief; ensure there are Native performance indicators established for the INA programs, including the data collection and reporting system designed accordingly, and provide training on this system; and Ensure Congressional intent is carried out in the administration of these programs.



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