



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

Durant, Oklahoma

April 18, 2019



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-005

**Oppose the President's PY 2020 Budget to Eliminate Section 166 INA Federal Funding
and Create a Native Adult Set-aside in the WIOA 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 justification erroneously cites that the INA Programs are ineffective; "unproven"; "not pushed to improve their performance"; and "performance results are comparable to the outcomes of Native American participants in the WIOA Adult program, but the INA Program is a more expansive intervention, which calls into question its cost effectiveness"; and

WHEREAS, the Budget further proposes to create Native American set-aside within the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult formula grant program in order to bring the provision of workforce service to Native American adults into the core workforce systems; and

WHEREAS, stating that the "grantee cohorts have remained the same over the past decade" demonstrates a lack of familiarity on the part of DOL of tribes, tribal organizations and Native Communities (including Alaskans and Hawaiians); and

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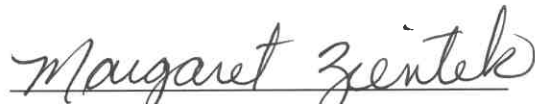
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WHEREAS, proposing to eliminate the Indian and Native American Programs (INAP) without regard for the language in the enacted legislation, and with complete disregard for the special relationship with the federal government, unlike other workforce development funding streams; 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 oppose the President's PY 2020 Budget to Eliminate Section 166 INA Federal Funding and Create a Native Adult Set-aside in the WIOA Formula Program.



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