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**NIEA RESOLUTION 08-14**

**TITLE: NIEA TO SUPPORT THE TRIBES AND TRIBAL COUNCILS IN DECLARING THEMSELVES THE STATE EDUCATION AGENCY (SEA) IN REGARD TO THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) REAUTHORIZATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) was established in 1969 for the purpose of advocating, planning, and promoting the unique and special educational needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians; and

**WHEREAS**, NIEA as the largest national Indian organization of American Indians, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian educators, administrators, parents, and students in the United States, provides a forum to discuss and act upon issues affecting the education of Indian and Native people; and

**WHEREAS**, through its unique relationship with Indian nations and tribes, the federal government has established programs and resources to meet the educational needs of American Indians, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiians, residing on and off their reserved or non-reserved homelands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Department of Education (DOE) signed in June of 2005 establishes that the OIEP can assume the responsibilities of the SEA in regard to NCLB; and

**WHEREAS**, nowhere in federal statute does it state that the BIA can assume the responsibilities of the SEA except in this memorandum; and

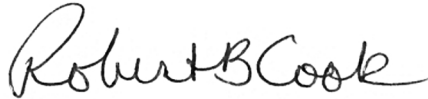
**WHEREAS**, NCLB will be reauthorized during this next administration;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the National Indian Education Association supports a change in NCLB that all Tribes and Tribal Councils through their Tribal Education Departments will be designated as the SEA for the schools on their reservations and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the National Indian Education Association supports the Tribes and Tribal Councils.

## CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the following resolution was dully considered and passed by the National Indian Education Association on October 26, 2008 at which a quorum of the membership was present.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert B. Cook (2008-2009)

President

National Indian Education Association