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NIEA Resolution 2018- ~~##~~1

TITLE: ~~URGE CONGRESS TO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF~~ **TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) was established in 1970 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 Indian, 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 Natives, and Native Hawaiians, residing on and off their reserved or non-reserved homelands; and

~~**WHEREAS**, with NIEA resolution support, the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) was created in 2003 to assemble and represent collectively indigenous sovereign nations' Tribal Education Departments and Agencies (TEDs); to foster effective relationships with other governmental and educational agencies, organizations, and entities; and to cultivate consensus amongst members; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~since 1988~~ Congress has authorized appropriations for Tribal Education Departments and Agencies (TEDs) in the budget of the ~~through~~ U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) (~~Pub. L. 100-297, Section 5119; 102 Stat. 130, 383-84 (1988);~~ since 1988 and since 1994 Congress has authorized appropriations for TEDs in the budget of the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) (~~Pub. L. 103-382, Section 9125; 108 Stat. 3518, 3789-90 (1994);~~ since 1994); and

WHEREAS, in these authorizations, Congress ~~envisions granted~~ TEDs as the ability to facilitating-facilitate tribal control over education; ~~coordinating-coordinate~~ education programs; ~~developing and enforcing~~ tribal education codes, policies, and standards; and ~~providing~~ support services and technical assistance to schools and programs; and

WHEREAS, ~~with considerable advocacy effort led by NIEA,~~ both of these authorizations were retained in the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, ~~known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (Pub. L. 114-95; 129 Stat. 1802 (2015)) (ESSA), the DOI authorization currently codified at 25 U.S.C. Section 2020, and the DOE authorization currently codified at 20 U.S.C. Section 7492(c);~~ and

~~**WHEREAS**, since those initial authorizations, TEDs have increased both in number and in capacity, and are in a unique position to reverse historic negative outcomes for Native students; and~~

WHEREAS, though recent appropriations made pursuant to these authorizations have greatly improved TEDs' capacity to serve their communities, federal funding provided through DOI and DOE has not changed since the initial authorization over, the level of the DOI authorization has not changed in 30 years, and the level of the DOE authorization has not changed in nearly 25 years ago;

WHEREAS, since those initial authorizations, TEDs have increased both in number and in capacity, and are in a unique position to reverse historic negative outcomes for Native students; and

WHEREAS, allowing greater tribal input in the development and implementation of educational services better serves Native students; and

WHEREAS, increased federal appropriations for tribes and TEDs is critical to building tribal education capacity and fulfilling the opportunities provided to tribes and TEDs in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Indian Education Association will work in partnership with the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly and other Native education serving organizations to advocate for increased congressional authorizations in the amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per year through the U.S. Department of Interior, and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per year through the U.S. Department of Education.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NIEA until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the following resolution was dully considered and passed by the National Indian Education Association on ~~insert date~~ October 13, 2018 at which a quorum of the membership was present.

Dr. Jolene Bowman
President