



National Indian Education Association

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NIEA RESOLUTION #04-02

TITLE: Support for the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) FY 2006 Federal Appropriations

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 Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) is a national fine arts college devoted solely to the teaching and the preservation of American Indian and Alaska Native arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, Institute of American Indian Arts a national fine arts college offering Baccalaureate degrees in Museum Studies, Creative Writing, Studio Arts and Visual Communications and Associate of Fine Arts degrees in 2 and 3 Dimensional arts; and

WHEREAS, Institute of American Indian Arts has educated over 6,000 American Indian and Alaska Native students since its inception in 1962; and

WHEREAS, NIEA is cognizant of the positive impact Institute of American Indian Arts has made on the recognition of American Indian and Alaska Native culture via the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of American Indian Arts is expanding its educational programs and is building a center for Lifelong Education, Research, and Cultural Exchange; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of American Indian Arts has been challenged by the K.W. Kellogg Foundation to raise matching funds in the amount of twelve million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of American Indian Arts is seeking a total appropriation of eight million dollars from Congress for the Lifelong Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, NIEA is strongly committed to the enrichment and preservation of American Indian and Alaska culture and arts, and to the continuance of IAIA; and

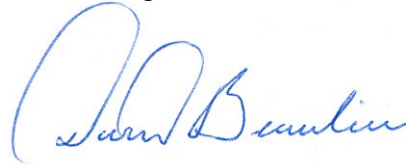
WHEREAS, NIEA and tribal leaders continue to support the IAIA's Board of Trustees as it works to ensure its future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Indian Education Association does hereby urge the President of the United States and Congress to fully fund the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) at a level of \$7.0 million for core operation for FY 2006 and \$4.0 million for the construction of a Center for Life Long Education, Research, and Cultural Exchange.

Submitted by Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly considered and passed by the NIEA Board of Directors at its October 28-31, 2004 meeting in Phoenix, Arizona at which a quorum was present.



David Beaulieu, Ph.D., President (2004-2005)
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