



## **National Indian Education Association**

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### **NIEA RESOLUTION #06-04**

**Title: PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

**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**, Parents, considered a high priority of NCLB by means of the “Parental Involvement” statement find it difficult to maneuver through the maze and intricacy of the NCLB language which does not adequately address the appropriate measures for “Parental Involvement” at the school and policy level, and

**WHEREAS**, Public concern over the ambiguity of the various layers and the implementation of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) is rising, according to a new report issued today by Public Education Network, May 2006, and

**WHEREAS**, 25 CFR Part 273 of the Title VII program requires that the Parent Committee participates in the planning, development, implementation and the evaluation of the Title VII application process and certifies approval of the submission of the proposed project, and

**WHEREAS**, 25 CFR Part 273 of the Title VII program requires that the Parent Committee certifies participation in the development of the Title VII application and approves the submission of the proposed project, and

**WHEREAS**, a description of how parents of Indian children and representatives of Indian tribes will be involved in planning, developing and implementing and evaluating the activities for which assistance is sought, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Indian Education Association Advocate for Parental Involvement and Training to be provided by the local education agency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Indian Education Association advocate for and support legislation and implementation of Parent Involvement to build parent empowerment, life-skills, parenting, laws, policies, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Indian Education Association Advocate and Support legislation that promotes a true and meaningful parent involvement opportunity with the local educational agency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Indian Education Association Promote a positive working relationship with the schools in a collaborated and a beneficial manner with respect and tolerance for a diversity of opinion.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I do hereby certify that the following resolution was dully considered and passed by the NIEA Board of Directors on November 30, 2006 at which a quorum was present.

*Verlie Ann Malina Wright*

Dr. Verlie Ann Malina Wright, President (2006-07)  
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