



## **National Indian Education Association**

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### **NIEA RESOLUTION #06-12**

**Title: NIEA RECOGNITION OF HONORABLE ELDER STATESMEN,  
SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE AND SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA**

**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 Honorable Elder Statesman Senator Daniel K. Inouye has supported Native American issues including serving as chair or co-chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and he has also introduced and passed appropriations of federal resources to benefit Native American education including introducing the first Native American Languages Act in 1992 which provided for the funding of language nests and language survival schools, and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Elder Statesman Senator Daniel K. Akaka has supported Native American issues and currently serves on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and that he too has also recommended continued support for the funding of language nests and language survival schools, and

**WHEREAS**, the Native Hawaiian peoples honor requests from the Alaskan Natives and Native American Indians to provide for restoration programs to meet the needs of language programs that need help to build their capacities to reach language nests and language survival school levels, and

**WHEREAS**, the Native American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians shall all benefit from the language nests, language survival schools and restoration programs, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Native Hawaiian Education Association and the Native Hawaiian Education Council recommends to the NIEA that our honorable elder statesmen, Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Senator Daniel K. Akaka be recognized for their continued efforts to help Native American education, and

That we continue to work as many nations, many languages, one voice in unity,  
\_\_\_\_\_, Alaskan Native

\_\_\_\_\_, Native American Indian

\_\_\_\_\_, Native Hawaiian

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That the National Indian Education Association write to both of our honorable senior statesmen, Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Senator Daniel K. Akaka, and thank them for their long-term efforts to sustain the language immersion movement for all Native Americans.

#### **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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