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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the FY 86 budget for the operation of the Indian Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, indicate that the Johnson O'Malley Program is not being funded in FY 86, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs continues to recognize Indian education and Indian children as its responsibility only for Bureau funded schools with a total disregard for Indian children who have been placed in public schools by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and

WHEREAS, Impact Aid, (financial assistance to Federal impacted areas), P.L. 81-874, is not a supplemental program for Indian students but is a general aid program to public schools having Federal activities, and

WHEREAS, Chapter One is a supplemental program benefiting all students in public schools, and

WHEREAS, Bilingual Education is a supplemental program that only impact those students that have a limited English speaking ability, and

WHEREAS, the Headstart Program only impacts ages three to five and a limited income, and

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly views this arbitrary budget change as another blatant attempt by the Federal government to discontinue its protectorate trust responsibility of our most important resource, our youth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly demands that the budget appropriation for FY 86 Bureau of Indian Affairs Johnson O'Malley Program be \$56,000,000, because Johnson O'Malley funding has not been increased for twelve years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Johnson O'Malley Program be restored to the 638 Contract Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs recognize Indian children who attend public schools as its responsibility and provide the same consideration for our children as for the Indian children who by virtue of their residence, attend a Bureau school. We view such discrimination against Indian children attending public schools as a violation of their Indian rights as members of Federally recognized tribes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Assistant Secretary on Indian Affairs; the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; the Senate Appropriations Committee; the House Interior Appropriations Committee; the House Education and Labor Committee; the Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa Congressional Delegations; the Northwest Affiliated Tribes; the Montana Indian Policy Board; the United Pueblo Council; all LIEC's within the Great Lakes Region; the National Tribal Chairman's Association; the National Congress of American Indians, to request their support to restore the Johnson O'Malley Program to the FY 86 budget for Bureau of Indian Affairs Operations of Indian Programs.

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WHEREAS, we understand the following proposed cuts that would specifically and totally affect Indian students across the Nation to be :

- a.) federal assistance to be capped at \$4,000,
- b.) PELL would be cut from 3.6 billion to 2.9 billion.
- c.) that grants would be available only to students of families with less than a \$25,000 adjusted gross income,
- d.) that the State Student Incentive Grants(SSIG) would be zeroed out,
- e.) that the College work/study program(CWP) and supplemental educational opportunity grant(SEDG) would be merged at \$850 million with 50% being used for the SEDG Program,
- f.) that the Guaranteed Student Loan(GSL) program be funded at \$2.7 billion, approximately \$400 million less than in 1985, and
- g.) that the government would only assume responsibility for 90% of defaulted loans, and

WHEREAS, the impact of this will result in an 80% drop-out rate of Indian students enrolled in post-secondary institutions, and

WHEREAS, these cuts will foster the already higher than average unemployment rate as it relates to Indian students, and

WHEREAS, these cuts would lead to an increase of Indian students on welfare roles, and

WHEREAS, we have more Indian students applying for financial aid and

WHEREAS, approximately half of the eligible Indian students who apply for financial aid receive no BIA funding at all, and

WHEREAS, the current and future Indian students should not be penalized for the loan defaults of past loan recipients, and

WHEREAS, because a significant majority of Indian students are non-traditional as this relates to age, family situations previous academic preparation and tend to be first generation post-secondary students, and

WHEREAS, these cuts will be inconsistent with the philosophy of self-determination.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly, and its participating Tribal Leadership vehemently oppose the proposed cuts and/or modifications in the FY'86 budget as it relates to Indian students' financial aids.

BE IT RESOLVED, the 4-State Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly requests the United States Congress and the President to fund the total Indian Health Service request, which includes the Community Health Representative Program, Tribal Contracts, etc. at the level requested by the Indian Health Service (\$1,242,064), which will better meet the needs of the Indian people, and.

BE IT RESOLVED, the United States Congress and the President fund Indirect Costs for all Tribal Contracts or agreements and provide funding for Tribes at adequate levels to manage their programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Congress and the President elevate the position of the Indian Health Service Director to the Assistant Secretary level within the Department of Health and Human Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Congress and the President does not cut the Indian Health Service budget which is for the health care of the American Indian people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 4-State Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly requests the United States Congress to reauthorize P.L. 94-437, and add additional funding to the Indian Health Service budget to better meet the health care needs of all Indian people and to fully fund the Indian Health Service facilities priorities system.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the the 4-State Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly requests that the National Congress of American Indians, the National Tribal Chairman's Association, the National Indian Health Board, and the Congressional delegations of the four (4) States to fully support this resolution and to initiate the necessary actions needed to implement this resolution in the United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, and the White House.

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WHEREAS, The 4-State Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly acknowledges the progress that the Indian Health Service has made over the years in the improvement of health care for the American Indians, and;

WHEREAS, there still remains critical health problems among our Indian people, problems which are more complex than infectious diseases, and;

WHEREAS, These health problems have major initiating or contributing factors in social, economic, educational, and environment of our Indian people, and;

WHEREAS, prominent among these health problems are alcohol abuse, chronic diseases, and mental illness which leads to accidents, homicides, suicides, abuses, and neglects, and;

WHEREAS, these health programs can be minimized with effective Federal committment to Tribal Governments and the Indian Health Service, and;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States in his Indian Policy Statement dated January 14, 1983 stated "The Administration will deal with Indian Tribes on a government to government basis", and;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States further stated so the Federal government deal with Tribal governments promoting the well-being of American Indians, and;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States says " Tribal government will be strengthened through these actions:," such as encouragement for Tribes to assume responsibility for services such as the enforcement of Tribal laws, developing and managing Tribal resources, providing health and social services, and education, and;

WHEREAS, at this critical time, the President of the United States vetoed the Reauthorization of P.L. 94-437, and;

WHEREAS, ^{with} the Reauthorization of P.L. 94-437, several areas of health care will be improved, and;

WHEREAS, the basics of P.L. 94-437 are similar in both House and the Senate versions, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 4-State Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly requests the United States Congress to reauthorize P.L. 94-437, and the President of the United States to sign the Bill, and;

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WHEREAS, the Office of Indian Education is of vital importance in the role of education of Indian Children through out the United States, and

WHEREAS, Title IV Programming offers unique and needed service to our Indian children, and

WHEREAS the Title IV program objectives are directly related to the specific cultures to the many and diverse tribes, and

WHEREAS, Indian professionals are uniquely atuned to cultural differences between tribes and thus especially fitted to perform in responsible positions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of Education implement Indian preference employment policy for staffing Title IV Indian Education Programs.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support the re-establishment of the Indian Education Office in the Department of Education

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WHEREAS, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe is a member of the Four State Regional Tribal Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the Four State Regional Tribal Assembly supports the concepts of government-to-government relationship with the federal government, and

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has sought through legislation to establish a "Principal Investment Fund" to serve Tribal progress, and

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has proposed legislation that will soon be introduced which will provide for the use of these land claims judgement funds for this expressed purpose,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Four State Regional Tribal Assembly supports the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe in their effort to obtain these judgement funds from Dockets 59, 13 and 137 for this expressed purpose.

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs has made numerous changes in the education funding levels and line items effecting Tribal Contract Schools and has not allowed for Indian input into these changes (school construction, school board training, operations and maintenance, indirect cost, ISEP formula, New School Starts and expansion, etc

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs has failed to address such items as cost of living, fringe, wages, etc., increases.

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly has a commitment to the education of Indian children.

WHEREAS, The Association of Contract Tribal Schools is addressing the above mentioned concerns and attempting to rectify these concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly supports the Association of Contract Tribal Schools and its' efforts to maintain Bureau of Indian Affairs education monies at acceptable levels and in acceptable line items.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Director of Education; the Senate and House Appropriation Committees, the Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa Congressional Delegations, the National Tribal Chairmen's Association; the National Congress of American Indians; all Tribal Councils in the Great Lakes Region, and all Contract Tribal Schools, to request their support to address the above mentioned concerns.

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Passed
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WHEREAS, the FY'86 budget for PL 81-874, Impact Aid indicates a \$152 million dollar cut, and

WHEREAS, funding for Super A children, districts with 20% or more children whose parents live on or work on federal property will be frozen at 1985 funded levels, and

WHEREAS, funds for "B" children, those children whose parents live on or work on federal property, will not receive funds, and

WHEREAS, Impact Aid is a necessary complimentation to school districts in lieu of taxes of Indian Reservation lands,

NOW, THEREFORE - IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly and its participating members, demands that Impact Aid, PL 81-874 budget for FY '86 be restored to the FY '85 budget level of \$694 million to continue financial support of those school districts that have eligible enrollment of Indian children.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of Education; the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs; the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; the Senate Appropriations Committee; the House Interior Appropriations Committee; the House Education and Labor Committee; the Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa Congressional delegations; the Northwest Affiliated Tribes; the Montana Indian Policy Board; the United Pueblo Council; all LIEC's within the Great Lakes Region; the National Tribal Chairman's Association; the National Congress of American Indians, to request their support to restore the Impact Aid Program to the FY '86 budget

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WHEREAS, Parent Advisory Committees and tribal education leaders have expressed dissatisfaction with the quality and quantity of services provided by the Office of Indian Education Regional Technical Assistance Center located in Bismark, N.D., and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly request the Director of the Office of Indian Education, Washington, D.C. to conduct an investigation of the Technical Assistance Center in Bismark, N.D., and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Director of the Office of Indian Education seek the advice and input of tribal chiefs, tribal education directors, and Parent Advisory Committees members in making recommendations for the improvement of the delivery of services or the re-contracting of the services provided.

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WHEREAS, the FY 86 budget for the Title IV Indian Education Act indicate an amount of \$67,000,000.; and

WHEREAS, the FY 86 allocation will remain the same through FY 89, and

WHEREAS, increases in fringe, wages, cost of living, etc., indicate a need for increases in the Title IV allocations, and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly has a commitment to the education of Indian children now and for the future, and

WHEREAS, education is and will be the cornerstone for tribal growth and development, and

WHEREAS, presently only three tribal members are included in the fifty member Title IV administration, and

WHEREAS, this is not conducive to involving Indian perspective and Indian preference in hiring.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly encourages the implementation of Indian preference in all subsequent transfers or promotions, now hired in the Title IV administration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes Regional Tribal Assembly demands that the budget appropriations for Title IV be increased to \$100,000,000 for FY 86.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of Education; the Senate Appropriation Committee; the House Education and Labor Committee; the Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa Congressional Delegations, all LIEC's within the Great Lakes Region; the National Congress of American Indians; the National Tribal Chairmen Association; and all Tribal Councils in the Great Lakes Region to request their support to address the above mentioned concerns and resolves for Title IV of the Indian Education Act.