

**32ND NATIONAL INDIAN & NATIVE AMERICAN
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONFERENCE
Scottsdale, Arizona
April 21, 2011**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-06

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL INITIATIVE

We, the Indian and Native American Grantees of the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference (NINAETC) attending the 32nd Annual Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and the several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Native people, to preserve Indian and Native cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian and Native people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the NINAETC are the representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the NINAETC is a national organization comprised of American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of NINAETC; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida is leading a bold and committed step to recognize the Native American Veteran on the National Mall in Washington, DC., referred to as “America’s Front Lawn” by the New York Times and is also known as the nation’s cultural lawn.

WHEREAS, the National Mall is running out of space to recognize any group person or any icon but the Seminole Tribe of Florida believes that there is still land available – just enough space to recognize the Native American soldier/veteran; and

WHEREAS, the three servicemen statue, across the way at the west end of the Vietnam Wall, represents a Caucasian, Hispanic and African American soldier and does not recognize the Native American Veteran; and

WHEREAS, Native American veterans have fought in every conflict that the United States has ever been in and the Seminole Tribe wants to erect a statue that will recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of Native American men and women have made to the United States;

AND WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and all Seminole Tribal veterans and tribal members are working together to promote the “Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative” and need the support of all Native American Tribes and Veterans; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 32nd National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference supports the “Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative” and urges all tribes to request the support of their congressional leadership for this initiative.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 32nd Annual National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference, held at the Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, on April 21, 2011 with a quorum present.



Kathy Atkins
Chairman, 2011 NINAETC



Roselyn Shirley
Secretary, 2011 NINAETC