



INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02182020_03

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Executive Board consists of representatives of ten of the eleven federally-recognized Indian Tribes located within the State of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, these tribal leaders work every day within and outside of their communities to fight systems of oppression so that all their members may thrive;

WHEREAS, education has been weaponized and used against American Indian children and their communities for generations;

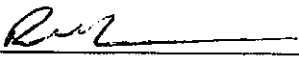
WHEREAS, It is time, in the State of Minnesota, that public education be used as an equalizer for all children--regardless of race, ethnicity and/or socio-economic status--so they may have the same chance at success in their work, community and for their families; and

WHEREAS, a quality public education must be a civil right, a commitment by the State, to all its children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council calls upon the 2020 Minnesota Legislature, the 91st Legislature in the State, to pass bills in both the House and Senate to allow the voters in Minnesota to consider amending the education clause of the Minnesota Constitution to read:

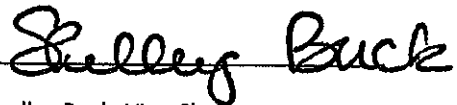
EQUAL RIGHT TO QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION. All children have a fundamental right to a quality public education that fully prepares them with the skills necessary for participation in the economy, our democracy, and society, as measured against uniform achievement standards set forth by the state. It is a paramount duty of the state to ensure quality public schools that fulfill this fundamental right.

CERTIFICATION: We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent at Regular Meeting of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, a quorum present, held on February 18, 2020, in Saint Paul, Minnesota.



Robert L. Larsen, Chairman

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council



Shelley Buck, Vice-Chair

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