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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION
Women's Bureau
Washington, D.C. 20210



August 30, 1976

Mr. Bradford Patterson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500



Dear Mr. Patterson:

We are writing to invite you to a meeting of representatives from Federal agencies which have special programs or whose agencies perform functions that directly affect American Indians. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., on September 27 at the New Department of Labor Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, Room S-3215 A&B.

The Women's Bureau is seeking ways to further its relationship and intensify the programs with Indian women. We are concerned, as we know you are, that Indian women be knowledgeable about the resources available to assist them in achieving higher economic status.

Since many of the programs and services of your agency relate to the Indian population, you have undoubtedly acquired some helpful information about the status of Indian women. We would like to meet with you to learn what is happening in your agencies that affects Indian women and to discuss ideas on how to proceed with the Women's Bureau's programs for this significant target group.

We hope that you or someone from your staff who can impact policy and decision-making will attend this important meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Gwen Wong at 523-6625 or Mary Natani at 523-6642 for more information.

Sincerely,


CARMEN R. MAYMI
Director

Const. Ave. Main Entrance..pass guard
and continue on down hall to elevator.
Take elevator to 3rd Floor and you
will see auditorium right there.
Do not take first elevator at entrance.

October 4, 1976

Dear Mrs. Fate:

Having taken Dr. Marrs' place, I wanted to respond to your letter of September 10 and to the Resolutions adopted at the Sixth Annual Conference of the North American Indian Women's Association in June.

I am very pleased to tell you in response to Resolution 2-76 that the President has signed the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. I enclose a copy of his Signing Statement.

My charter from the President (copy attached) involves me closely in problems of interagency coordination. I would like to explore with you pursuant to Resolution 9-76 what I can do -- and what the Association can do -- to assist in the process of ensuring that the various Federal agencies serving Indian people work effectively together. I should particularly like any examples of lack of coordination or suggestions for improvement you might send me.

Your Resolution 10-76 applies to the Congress; the Executive Branch does not testify or take formal positions on Concurrent Resolutions.

I am very pleased to have the commendations expressed in Resolution 11-76.

I will ask Dr. Johnson to respond to you directly concerning Resolution 13-76, since that is an operational matter within his jurisdiction.

I am asking Commissioner Thompson to respond to you directly about Resolution 17-76 since he, of course, is very familiar with the concerns of Alaska Native people.



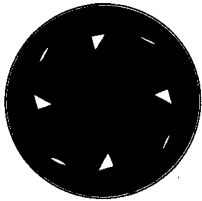
I hope we will have the opportunity to meet soon and want to thank you and the Association for bringing these matters to our attention.

Cordially,

Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.

Mrs. Mary Jane Fate
President
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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North American Indian Women's Association

SR Box 30586
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
September 10, 1976

The Honorable Theodore C. Marrs
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Marrs:

Enclosed are **resolutions** which were adopted at the Sixth Annual Conference of the NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION in Cherokee, North Carolina, June 1976.

Since our Association was organized in 1970, we have had an excellent relationship between the White House and our Association. We are grateful to the President of the United States and his staff for the continued interest and **priorities** projected during his term of office for the betterment of the Indian communities and therefore a better America.

Your favorable consideration of these resolutions will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jane Fate

Mrs. Mary Jane Fate
President

Enclosures: Resolutions No. 2-76; No. 9-76; No. 10-76;
No. 11-76; No. 13-76; No. 17-76





North American Indian Women's Association

No. 2-76

RESOLUTION

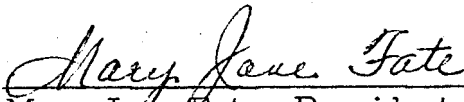
WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Health Care Improvement Legislation, H. R. 2525, now before Congress may be signed by the President by early July, 1976; and

WHEREAS, this Association urges its membership to endorse this action and call for prompt development of legislation to provide the necessary appropriations required for implementation; now

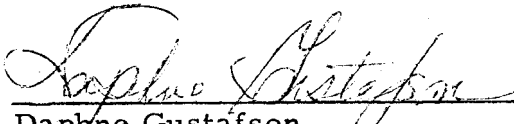
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North American Indian Women's Association recommends that early action be taken to provide appropriations to implement the provisions of the Health Care Improvement Legislation, H. R. 2525.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as President of the North American Indian Women's Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted on June 25, 1976, at the Sixth Annual Conference of this Association in Cherokee, North Carolina.

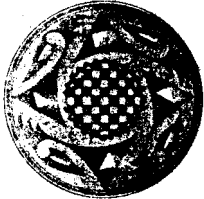

Mary Jane Fate, President

Attest:


Daphne Gustafson
Corresponding Secretary

SK Bix 30586
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701





North American Indian Women's Association

No. 9-76

RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, there is need for better communication among the tribes and Federal agencies, particularly the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and

WHEREAS, there is need to establish closer working relationships among the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the tribes; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President be directed to appoint a fact-finding committee to ascertain what the North American Indian Women's Association might do to work towards bringing about improved, cooperative and coordinated efforts in meeting the needs of providing services to benefit all Indian people.


CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as President of the North American Indian Women's Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted on June 25, 1976, at the Sixth Annual Conference of this Association in Cherokee, North Carolina.



Mary Jane Fate, President

Attest:



Daphne Gustafson
Corresponding Secretary





North American Indian Women's Association

No. 10-76

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the membership of the North American Indian Women's Association being directly concerned about the welfare of American Indian foster children, as evidenced by resolutions adopted in previous conferences (Resolutions 4-71, 7-74, 3-75), and

WHEREAS, the North American Indian Women's Association is concerned also about the welfare of foster children regardless of race or creed, and

WHEREAS, the North American Indian Women's Association recognizes the necessity for defining the special needs of foster children, particularly as concerns their rights and standards of treatment; now,

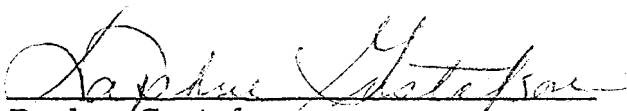
THEREFORE, ~~BE IT RESOLVED~~ that the North American Indian Women's Association hereby endorses and wholeheartedly supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 116 and House Concurrent Resolution 633 and urges early passage by the Congress of the United States.

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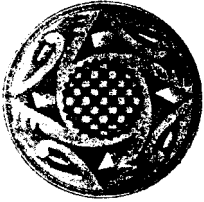
I, the undersigned, as President of the North American Indian Women's Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted on June 25, 1976 at the Sixth Annual Conference of this Association in Cherokee, North Carolina.


Mary Jane Fate, President

Attest:


Daphne Gustafson
Corresponding Secretary





North American Indian Women's Association

No. 11-76

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a major purpose of the North American Indian Women's Association is the betterment of home, family life and community, and

WHEREAS, the North American Indian Women's Association has demonstrated the strong existence of Indian citizen concern for Indian children and families through its conduct of the special project, Prototype Program: A National Action for Special Needs of Indian Children Program, the Bureau of Indian Affairs was able to modify certain practices in its foster care program and thereby improve care for Indian foster children and improve services for their parents, and


WHEREAS, Federal legislation for social services programs provides channels for citizen communication on behalf of citizens of this country who have special needs, but such official channels are not provided for in Bureau of Indian Affairs social services programs; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North American Indian Women's Association commends the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Honorable Morris Thompson, for recommending to the Secretary of the Interior the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Indian Children and Families, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the North American Indian Women's Association commends the Secretary of the Interior, Honorable Thomas S. Kleppe, for seeking the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget for the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Indian Children and Families.


Mary Jane Fate, President

Attest:


Daphne Gustafson
Corresponding Secretary





North American Indian Women's Association

No. 13-76

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the position of Chief, Nursing Services Branch, Indian Health Service headquarters, has been vacant since August, 1975, and

WHEREAS, the position has, since 1955, been encumbered by a Public Health Service commissioned officer at the Director's Grade (equivalent to a GS-14 or a GS-15 Civil Service Grade Level), and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service recommended and supported a GS-14 grade classification, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Personnel, Health Services Administration, has steadfastly refused to classify the position at higher than GS-13; now

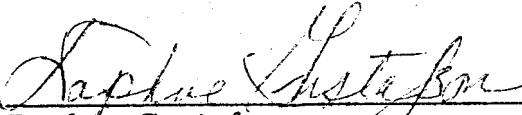
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North American Indian Women's Association supports the stand of the American Indian Nurses' Association, contending that since qualified Indian nurses are now available for this key position, it is demeaning to the Indian candidates, as well as to the nursing profession in general, to classify the chief, nurses position at a grade lower than other branch chief positions within Indian Health Service, as well as other segments of the Public Health Service and, therefore, seek immediate upgrading of the position to the GS-14 level.

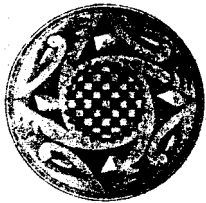
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Mary Jane Fate, President

Attest:


Daphne Gustafson
Corresponding Secretary



North American Indian Women's Association

No. 17-76

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, several Alaskan Natives who were guests at the Sixth Annual Conference requested the support of the N. A. I. W. A. in connection with difficulties they are experiencing because they are not included under the provisions of PL 93-638, and

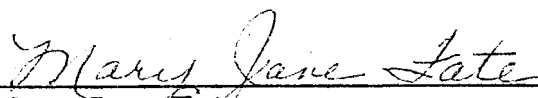
WHEREAS, they have exhausted all possible means of resolving this very important issue, and

WHEREAS, members of the Alaska Congressional Delegation have requested hearings to see what might be done to correct this oversight,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the N. A. I. W. A. hereby supports the request of the Alaskan Natives that hearings be held to determine whether oversight legislation would be the answer to bringing the Alaskan Regional Non-profit Corporations, under the meaning of the law, PL 93-638.

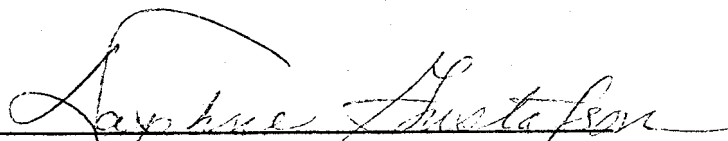
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as President of the North American Indian Women's Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted on June 25, 1976, at the Sixth Annual Conference of this Association in Cherokee, North Carolina.



Mary Jane Fate
President

Attest:



Daphne Gustafson
Corresponding Secretary

94TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. CON. RES. 116

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 1976

Mr. BARTLETT submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Setting forth the standards and rights of foster children.

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That every foster child has the following in-
3 herent rights and standards for treatment:

4 (1) to be cherished by a family of his own, either
5 his family helped by readily available services and sup-
6 ports to reassume his care, or an adoptive family or by
7 plan, a continuing foster family;

8 (2) to be nurtured by foster parents who have been
9 selected to meet his individual needs, and who are pro-
10 vided services and supports, including specialized educa-

1 tion, so that they can grow in their ability to enable
2 the child to reach his potential;

3 (3) to receive sensitive, continuing help in under-
4 standing and accepting the reasons for his own family's
5 inability to take care of him, and in developing confi-
6 dence in his own self-worth;

7 (4) to receive continuing loving care and respect
8 as a unique human being, a child growing in trust in
9 himself and others;

10 (5) to grow up in freedom and dignity in a neigh-
11 borhood of people who accept him with understanding,
12 respect and friendship;

13 (6) to receive help in overcoming deprivation or
14 whatever distortion in his emotional, physical, intellec-
15 tual, social, and spiritual growth may have resulted from
16 his early experiences;

17 (7) to receive education, training, and career guid-
18 ance to prepare him for a useful and satisfying life;

19 (8) to receive preparation for citizenship and
20 parenthood through interaction with foster parents and
21 other adults who are consistent role models;

22 (9) to be represented by an attorney at law in
23 administrative or judicial proceedings with access to fair
24 hearings and court review of decisions, so that his
25 best interests are safeguarded;

1 (10) to receive a high quality of child welfare serv-
2 ices, including involvement of the natural parents and
3 his own involvement in major decisions that affect his
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94TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 633

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 1976

Mr. JARMAN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate,*
2 *concurring),* That every foster child has the following
3 inherent rights and standards for treatment:
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5 either his family helped by readily available services,
6 and supports to reassume his care, or an adoptive fam-
7 ily or by plan, a continuing foster family;
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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Legislation
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Mrs. Mary Jane Fate
President
North American Indian Women's
Association
SR Box 30586
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

OCT 18 1976

Dear Mrs. Fate:

In his October 4, 1976 letter to you, Mr. Bradley Patterson advised you that he was requesting me to respond to Resolution 17-76 adopted at the Sixth Annual Conference of the North American Indian Women's Association last June.

Resolution 17-76 states that "the N.A.I.W.A. hereby supports the request of the Alaskan Natives that hearings be held to determine whether oversight legislation would be the answer to bringing the Alaskan Regional Non-profit Corporations, under the meaning of the law, P.L. 93-638."

Recently, the Senate Indian Affairs Subcommittee held hearings in Alaska on the subject of the application of P.L. 93-638 to Alaskan Native organizations. We are hopeful that a consensus will be reached by Native leaders so that the 95th Congress may enact an appropriate amendment to P.L. 93-638 early next year.

For your further information, a copy of P.L. 93-638 is enclosed. The pertinent provisions are in sections 4(b) and (c).

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Morris Thompson

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Enclosure

cc: Brad Patterson - White House

