Urban Native Education Alliance, Native Warrior Athletics, and Clear Sky Native Youth Council 'Wolakota Kaga'

Resolution 2019

WHEREAS, We the members of the Urban Native Education Alliance (UNEA), Clear Sky Native Youth Council (Clear Sky), and Native Warriors Athletics (NWA), invoking the blessings of the Creator in all our efforts and purposes to preserve Native cultural values, and promote the health, safety, and well-being of all Native People, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, Clear Sky Native Youth Council was established in 2008, remains youth-centered, and youth-driven program of UNEA that strives in building confidence, self-esteem and knowledge to strengthen tribal identity and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Native Warrior Athletics, another program of UNEA supports a holistic approach to health and wellness through emphasizing teamwork; cultural and tribal identity, and traditional Native values; and

WHEREAS, UNEA has served our urban intertribal communities since 2008, and we are committed to all causes that strengthen the health and well-being of our families and nations; and

WHEREAS, UNEA promotes the well-being of all Native people and maintain harmony, balance and integrity of the relationships within our community.

WHEREAS, traditionally tribal cultures have practiced various effective forms of peace-making to resolve conflicts, harm and discord; and

WHEREAS, Western problem-solving operates on a vertical hierarchical system, excluding community members and ruling out the possibility of an amicable resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Wolakota Kaga is a healing ceremony believed to foster understanding, honesty, openness, willingness, and common ground for resolving issues impacting individuals, families, and community.

WHEREAS, Peace-making approaches are a cultural practice based on restoring relationships and finding balance 'Wolakota Kaga' (Lakota translation for peace-making or finding balance).

WHEREAS, the UNEA makes a goal of keeping a healthy and constructive environment in which all youth, families, guests, staff, and volunteers feel uplifted and supported; and

WHEREAS, the UNEA strives to include tradition into all practices; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UNEA is fully committed to the principles of ‘Wolakota Kaga’ and
will implement and formally apply peacemaking policy and practices as an approach to resolving
problems, conflicts, issues as they arise and with a spirit of good intentions and love for our youth,
families and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UNEA, Clear Sky and NWA will be more effective with addressing and
resolving conflict, issues and concerns as they impact having an impact on our community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, UNEA values our traditional forms of healing and restoring balance for
centering our relationships as core values as grassroots organization and practicing healthy traditional
methods because healing is utmost priority for our community.

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