

WHEREAS, the American Indian population has a long and proud history of caring for their elders, women, children, tradition, environment and all of God's creatures, and;

WHEREAS, American Indians have suffered far too long at the hands of European civilization policies such as genocide, bounties, internment and slavery, and:

WHEREAS, the original inhabitants of this land continues to lag behind in many benefits and advancements that are too slowly becoming available to other non-Caucasian populations of North America , and;

WHEREAS all peoples of this earth are deserving of respect and support.

Be it resolved that we, the leadership of the _____ State AFL-CIO are proud to proclaim our solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples who were the original occupants of North America.

Be it resolved that we support the American Indians' right to life, liberty and their pursuit of happiness; and their right to be treated with dignity.

Be it resolved that we support Native Peoples' rights to protect their traditions and histories, as well as to participate fully in the arena of jobs, health-care, education, and in building a bright future together with all peoples who share this land today.

In recognition of these facts, we call on the AFL-CIO to acknowledge, support and defend the rights of Native Americans. We call for them to lead in addressing the needs of all indigenous people of North America, and encourage them to support the Council for First Inhabitants Rights and Equality (Council-FIRE, 501c3 and 509a2), a constituency group that grew from within the Labor movement, and has the mission to focus on the issues of Native people.