

**MONTANA INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ---RESOLUTIONS 2004**

**RESOLUTION 2004-10: Support Unemployment Compensation for Classified Employees: That the MIEA membership encourages the Legislature and Governor of Montana to support legislation that will allow the classified employees of school eligibility to apply for unemployment compensation.**

WHEREAS: The MONTANA INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (MIEA) is a duly constituted Education organization sanctioned by the membership which includes educators of Indian children and adults, parents/guardians, school board members, tribal government and state government leadership, reservation and urban Indian representation, educational organizations, and other interested individuals in Montana, and

WHEREAS: The MONTANA INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION has been organized to represent, protect and advance the views of the Indian education community as outlined in MIEA's constitution, and

WHEREAS: The opportunity to gain meaningful and fulltime employment on Montana's Indian Reservation is difficult because the unemployment rates reach up to 70% at certain times of the year, and

WHEREAS: The Montana Public School systems often are the largest employers on Indian Reservations, and

WHEREAS: Public School Districts in Montana employ classified employees that are not eligible to receive unemployment benefits during the summer months, and

WHEREAS: Classified Employees in Montana's Public School system are denied the right to participate in the Unemployment Benefit Program and this denial is discriminatory as it pertains to only one classification of state employees,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership of MIEA asks the Montana Legislature and the Governor of Montana to modify the current existing law to include Classified Employees employed in the Montana Public School system to become eligible for unemployment benefits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the MIEA membership encourages the Legislature and Governor of Montana to support legislation that will allow the classified employees of school eligibility to apply for unemployment compensation.

**ATTEST: MONTANA INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

-- (signed)--  
Secretary, MIEA

--(signed)--  
Chairperson, MIEA

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Montana Indian Education Association in a duly called, noticed, and convened convention, assembled the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004, with a quorum present and voting in favor.

--(signed--)  
Secretary, MIEA

*(If a signed copy of the resolution is needed, please contact Carol Juneau, [csjuneau@3rivers.net](mailto:csjuneau@3rivers.net), 338-5689)*