



The National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Inc.

Support National Congressional Charter for National American Indian Veterans, Inc.

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. (NAIV) was formed on April 17, 2004 in Phoenix, AZ with the purpose of establishing a National Charter to create an umbrella for all American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian veterans, Tribal Veterans Organizations, and Tribal Veterans Committees to be organized in unity under; and

WHEREAS, the NAIV will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States while defending the sovereignty of the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Nations; and

WHEREAS, the NAIV will unite under one body all American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans who served in the US Armed Forces of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the NAIV will be an advocate on behalf of all American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans without regard for whether they served during times of peace, conflict, or war; and

WHEREAS, the NAIV will promote the social welfare (including educational, economic, social, and physical welfare, cultural values, and traditional healing) in the United States by encouraging the growth and development, readjustment, self-respect, self-confidence, contributions and self-identity of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans; and

WHEREAS, the NAIV will promote cooperation and assistance to all State and Federal agencies and governments to be more responsive to and responsible for the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans; and

WHEREAS, the NAIV will promote, support and utilize research, on a nonpartisan basis, pertaining to the relationship between the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans and American society; and

WHEREAS, the NAIV will provide technical assistance to the twelve (12) regional areas without Veteran Committees or organizations and programs; to provide outreach services to those Tribes; to train and educate Tribal Veteran Service Officers for those American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, assembled at their Midwinter Conference in Washington, DC, does hereby endorse the National American Indian Veterans, Inc.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs hereby request the United States Congress grant a Federal Charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Inc.

ADOPTED BY the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC, on the 23rd day of March 2005.



Leslie E. Beavers
President

State Administration
and Veteran Affairs
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Exhibit 9



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The congressionally chartered National American Indian Veterans, Inc. is established to serve the unique needs of Native American veterans and to represent their concerns and issues to Congress and the Federal government.

The National American Indian Veterans, Inc. (NAIV) will pursue the following objectives:

1. **Operate a National Headquarters** which will be the administrative arm of NAIV responsible for records creation and storage; maintenance of bank accounts, budget preparation, distribution and accounting for funds, preparing financial reports and maintaining membership rolls.
2. **Advocate for American Indian, Native Alaskan, and Native Hawaiian and Native Samoan veterans** with the United States to assist in obtaining earned benefits that may have been denied or diminished and to influence passage of legislation to secure or broaden benefits.
3. **Train Service Officers** for local areas to be accessible to veterans for consultation and assistance in filing claims with the Veterans Administration for earned or disputed benefits and to intercede when necessary to assure the proper processing and approval of such claims.
4. **Publish and distribute a newsletter or other publications** as the situation dictates to inform NAIV membership of the status of various situations as they occur concerning veteran benefits or programs of their or national interest.
5. **Charter lodges in local areas** to provide for gatherings of local member veterans to facilitate conversation and identify issues important to their members; for governance in accordance with NAIV laws; name representatives to present lodge decisions and actions on various issues of mutual interest or NAIV law to the national organization for consideration; explain the message of NAIV locally and solicit membership; and serve as a common place of various social activities for members, their families, auxiliaries, and guests.
6. **Charter auxiliaries** for the inclusion of spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, brothers, and sisters of NAIV veteran members in the activities as related above. It is expected that it will establish programs consistent with the aims of NAIV and with those as allowed by 501(c)(19) and/or 501(c)(3).

NAIV Seeks Start Up Funding

The NAIV projects that it will take approximately three years to establish a membership large enough where annual dues will allow the organization to be fully self sustaining. Therefore, private funds and grants are being sought to provide a start up base for the budget of \$350,000 a year for a three year period or a total start up funding of \$1,050,000. This funding will allow for the establishment of an executive office including the hardware and software to support national membership operations, development of a web based presence and travel to establish local lodges and to train service officers. It is anticipated that national membership could grow to be as large as 300,000 which would be more than sufficient to sustain the national operations and associated services.