

OREGON INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION #07-02

WHEREAS the Oregon Indian Education Association consisting of educational representatives from the State of Oregon, and organized pursuant to duly approved governing documents, and,

WHEREAS Oregon Indian Education Association has elected a Board to conduct business on behalf of the organization; and,

WHEREAS the Board has adopted policies and procedures relevant to the organization.

WHEREAS, Indian mascots represent institutionalized racism and disrespect for human rights, and

WHEREAS, all students have a right to a psychologically safe learning environment (Indian Natives at Risk, Student Bill of Rights), and,

WHEREAS, a number of school districts in Oregon and other states and institutions of higher education, established policies and are abolishing the use of Indian mascots, and,

WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association has researched Indian mascots and has determined Indian mascots to be detrimental to the health and well-being of students

THEREBY be it resolved that the governing body of the Oregon Indian Education Association has determined that it is in the best interest of the organization to establish the elimination of all Native American mascots in all school activities within the State of Oregon and certain requirements relative to elimination.

THEREBY be it further resolved, the Oregon State Board of Education shall enact policy to address the elimination of all Native American mascots in Oregon's public schools to occur by the conclusion of the 2007-08 school year. Be it further resolved, that a committee shall include, but not be limited to the following persons, Oregon Indian Education Association Student Representative and another Native American student recognized by the Oregon Indian Education Association Board as knowledgeable of mascot

issue, a Oregon State Board of Education board member, State Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of Oregon Indian Education Association, State Department of Education Indian Education Specialist and Oregon State Sports Association Director be formed to provide guidelines for future use of mascots in the schools in the State of Oregon.

Above criteria will be evidenced by submittal of resolution for elimination of all Native American mascots in all school activities in the State of Oregon public schools to the Oregon State School Board Association.

Jim Thornton, Acting Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

CERTIFICATION:
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This resolution was presented at a duly called meeting of the Oregon Indian Education Association on April 5, 2007.

The vote being:
FOR 64 _____
AGAINST -0- _____
ABSTAIN 2 _____

Lynn Anderson, Chair, Resolution Committee