

RESOLUTION NO. 13-130

RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL
OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
(An Unincorporated Tribe)

RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING TEACH FOR AMERICA CORPS MEMBERS AND ALUMNI IN THEIR EFFORTS.

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribe was organized under Section 16 of the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act by adopting a federally approved Constitution and By-Laws, and

WHEREAS, on the 29th day of April, 2013, the Education Committee met in a special meeting with a quorum present and voted to approve this resolution and forward to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the mission of Teach for America is to enlist our nation's most promising future leaders in the movement to eliminate educational inequity, and

WHEREAS, Teach For America recruits, selects, prepares and develops outstanding recent graduates of all majors and career interests to commit two years to teach in tribal grant/contracted, BIE-operated, rural and urban public schools, and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Teach For America placed 510 teachers in Native communities in South Dakota, Hawaii, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and has launched a Native Achievement Initiative to increase the number of corps member it is recruiting to teach in Native communities, and

WHEREAS, through their teaching experience, Teach For America corps members experience firsthand the effects of educational inequity and through strong community partnerships gain an understanding of how to work with others to solve it, and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1990, the Teach For America network has grown to include more than 30,000 individuals, including some 11,000 corps members currently teaching in 48 urban and rural communities and having an collective impact of nearly one million school age children, and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Teach For America partnered with tribal schools on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations to open the South Dakota region and are placing teachers who are hired to teach in tribal schools on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations, and

WHEREAS, the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation continues to face a critical shortage of effective teachers, data shows that less than one applicant applies for every open teaching position in our tribal and public schools, and

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WHEREAS, rigorous research studies conducted by Mathematical Policy Research, Inc. and the Urban Institute have demonstrated that Teach For America corps members have a positive impact on student achievement maintained and supported through continuous professional training and development, and

WHEREAS, understanding that teachers who reflect the same racial and economic background of the students they teach is critical, Teach For America is in the midst of an aggressive growth plan to recruit more American Indian teachers attending tribal college and state universities and maximize the training and impact of all teachers to become more culturally responsive to our Native students, and

WHEREAS, students from the Oglala Sioux Tribe have as much potential, if not more, than more affluent students across the country, Teach For America aims to be an ally in the effort to bring all students to their full potential, now,

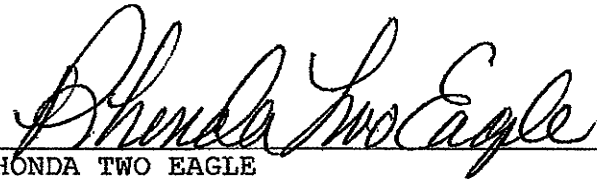
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council supports Teach For America corps members and alumni in their efforts to build a truly effective movement through building local partnerships with students, families, local educators and with other organizations to eliminate educational inequity thus bridging the opportunity gap, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council supports and encourages other Tribal governments and school districts serving American Indian students to strengthen their partnership with Teach For America.

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I, as undersigned Secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe hereby certify that this Resolution was enacted by a vote of: 17 for; 0 against; 0 abstain; 1 not voting; during a REGULAR SESSION held on the 30TH day of JULY 2013.

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Secretary
Oglala Sioux Tribe

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for 
BRYAN V. BREWER
President
Oglala Sioux Tribe

