



NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Native American Fish & Wildlife Society

RESOLUTION

**Title: Approval for NAFWS to Apply for 2022 BIA Youth Initiative Grant**

**Resolution No. 2021-006**

WHEREAS, the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society ("NAFWS") was established in recognition of the importance and respect accorded to fish and wildlife by Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS is composed of Indian Tribes, organizations and people as well as federal and state agency representatives forming "*a national Native American organization to aid in the development and protection of Native American fish and wildlife resources*"; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS purpose includes "*To educate Native Americans involved in fish and wildlife management, policy, decision-makers, community members and others similarly dedicated to tribal natural resource management of the best natural resource management practices*"; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS purpose includes "*To improve the general welfare of tribal people through educational, charitable, as well as fish and wildlife enhancement activities*"; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS purpose includes "*To provide professional publications and promotional activities for disseminating pertinent information regarding Native American fish and wildlife resources to Society members, Indian and non-Indian organizations, public officials and the general public*"; and

WHEREAS, the National Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum ("National SYP") is a program that meets and fulfills several NAFWS purposes stated above, through preparing, engaging, empowering and educating the Native youth about the preservation, conservation, protection and wise use of Mother Earth - our future conservation practitioners, decision-makers and stewards; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding is needed to implement the National SYP to cover costs associated with travel, lodging, food, and supplies; and

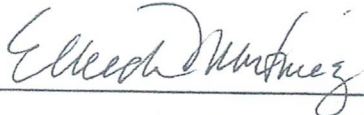
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society's Board of Directors hereby support that the NAFWS Education Coordinator to apply to the 2022 Bureau of Indian Affairs Youth Initiative Grant that will be utilized for the implementation of the 2022 National SYP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NAFWS respectfully requests that to apply for the BIA Youth Initiative Grant for the maximum amount of \$50,000 to be dedicated for the 2022 National SYP.

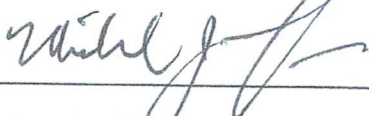
Certification

This resolution was enacted by the affirmative vote of the Board of Directors who attended the Board of Directors Meeting held on December 1, 2021. The vote is 10 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 voting abstaining.

Dated this 1st day of December 2021.



Elveda Martinez, SW Regional Board Member and Society President



Mike LaVoie, SE Regional Board Member and Society Vice-President

Attest:



Mitzi Reed, SE Regional Board Member and Society Secretary/Treasurer