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To Whom It May Concern:

Per your request, the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) is providing this letter documenting our support for the establishment of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. Our board of directors considered and approved a motion on July 21, 2013, to support the establishment of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition and its work to examine the impact of boarding schools upon American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children and families.

In our work, we often see the residual effects of the board school era and how it has contributed to the displacement of AI/AN children throughout the United States. We understand the need to better understand these impacts and develop thoughtful, culturally based approaches to address the trauma that many boarding schools visited upon AI/AN children and their families in the past. If you have any questions, please contact David Simmons, NICWA government affairs and advocacy director, at desimmons@nicwa.org.

Sincerely,

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