

**SJR**

**19**

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## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/5/14  
**Date of 5-Day Notice:** 3-6-14  
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

FURTHER:  
 DATE TURNED  
 IN TO OFFICE: 3-11-14

**State Affairs Committee** considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

### SJR 19-NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS' MONUMENT

Supporting the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative to construct an Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian veterans' monument in our nation's capital.

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
SSTA			✓	1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Wielechowski	✓			
	Coghill	✓			
	Gessel	✓			
CHAIR:	Dyrnes	✓			

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Committee

SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Monday, February 10, 2014

**TO:** Senator Fred Dyson

**FROM:** Senator Bill Wielechowski

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Wielechowski".

**SUBJ:** Hearing Request for SJR 19

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I respectfully request that Senate Joint Resolution 19 be scheduled for a hearing in front of the Senate State Affairs Committee, at your earliest convenience. This resolution expresses support for the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative, which seeks to recognize the contributions of all Native Americans who have served in the United States military.

Attached you will find a sponsor statement, several supporting documents, and a copy of this bill as introduced.

If you have any thoughts or questions, please feel free to contact my office. Kalyssa Maile is the primary staff contact on this bill and may be reached at 465-2435.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### Resolution Supporting the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

Alaska Natives, American Indians and Native Hawaiians have an established legacy of military service. Their sacrifices in times of conflict have helped propel this country through difficult times and should be recognized in our nation's capital.

This resolution expresses support for the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative, which would recognize Native Americans who have served in the military. Its purpose is to honor the 151,000 living Native American veterans, including 5,500 Alaska Natives, as well as the many generations who have previously served.

I respectfully ask for your support of this resolution.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SJR 19  
Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
Title SJR 19 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS' MONUMENT Appropriation \_\_\_\_\_  
Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Senator Wielechowski  
Requester (S) State Affairs OMB Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY15 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY15 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1007	I/A Rcpts (Other)							
1156	Rcpt Svcs (DGF)							
		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

POSITIONS								
Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**CHANGE IN REVENUES**

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY14) operating costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY15) costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended, or repealed? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss details in analysis section.

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)**

Prepared by (S) State Affairs  
Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by Senator Dyson, Chair  
Division \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 465-2199  
Date/Time 3/10/14 1:45 PM  
Date 3/10/2014



ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.  
2013 ANNUAL CONVENTION  
RESOLUTION 13-38

- TITLE:** AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS MEMORIAL INITIATIVE
- WHEREAS:** The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska and its membership includes 118 federally-recognized tribes, 133 village corporations, 13 regional corporations, and 11 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and run federal and state programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of AFN is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic, and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community; and
- WHEREAS:** The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska. Its membership includes 178 villages (both federally-recognized tribes and village corporations), 13 regional Native corporations and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and run federal and state programs. The mission of AFN is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community; and
- WHEREAS:** Alaska Native/ American Indian and Native Hawaiians serve at the highest per capita rate in the Armed Forces compared to any group of Americans, and have served with valor in all the Nation's wars from the Revolutionary War through the present; and
- WHEREAS:** young Alaska Native men and women made their commitment to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS:** an overwhelming majority of Alaska Native men served in the Vietnam War; and
- WHEREAS:** there is a National Monument commonly referred to as the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial" recognizing those Veterans who served both living and dead;
- WHEREAS:** a part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial are the figures called "The Three Servicemen"; and
- WHEREAS:** "The Three Servicemen" are wearing uniforms and carry equipment of war, one serviceman has the appearance of a Caucasian, the other African-American and the third resembles a Hispanic soldier; and

WHEREAS: it is NOT practicable to add another soldier to an existing Iconic Memorial as "The Three Servicemen"; and

WHEREAS: a founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Jan Scruggs, Vietnam Veteran, wanted the memorial to acknowledge and recognize the service and sacrifice of ALL who served in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS: an opportunity exists for the Alaska Federation of Natives to be at the forefront of an "INITIATIVE" to encourage Indian Tribes, Indian Veteran Organizations, and Non-Indian Veteran Organizations; and

WHEREAS: this Initiative shall be charged with the responsibility to go into Indian Country to communicate with Local, Regional, and National Indian and Non-Indian groups necessary to gather support in an effort to obtain Congressional authorization to erect/build a Statue at the entrance of the Education Center of the Vietnam Wall; and

WHEREAS: the Statue will recognize the contributions and sacrifices of All American Indian/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Soldiers in All Wars; and

WHEREAS: the Alaska Federation of Natives has been otherwise fully advised.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Federation of Natives hereby recognizes, approves, and supports the "American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of AFN until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF DIRECTORS

COMMITTEE ACTION: DO PASS

CONVENTION ACTION: AMENDED AND PASS





# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #LNK-12-040C

### TITLE: Support for the American Indian Veterans Memorial

**WHEREAS**, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, American Indians/Alaska Natives/ Native Hawaiians serve at the highest per capita in the Armed Forces compared to any group of Americans, and have served with valor in all the Nation's wars from the Revolutionary War through the present; and

**WHEREAS**, an overwhelming number of American Indians/Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians volunteered to serve in the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a bronze statue commonly referred to as the "The Three Servicemen" which recognizes the contribution and sacrifice of the American Soldier, but does not acknowledge American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians; and

**WHEREAS**, no statue exists on the National Mall in Washington DC that represents an American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian soldier; and

**WHEREAS**, American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians have called for an effort to obtain Congressional authorization to build a statue on the Vietnam Memorial Walk on the National Mall in Washington DC that represents an American Indian; and

**WHEREAS**, the addition of the monument will recognize the contributions and sacrifices of the American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian during the Vietnam War.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI supports the placement of a statue on the National Mall by the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. that honors American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Vietnam veterans; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2012 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at The Cornhusker Hotel from June 17-20, 2012 in Lincoln, Nebraska, with a quorum present.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

**ATTEST:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

## 2013 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS MINORITY AFFAIRS



Adopted At The  
16<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
AUGUST 11-18, 2013

### MA-12 AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS MEMORIAL INITIATIVE

**History:** First adopted in 2013 as MA-12

**Issue:** 42,000 American Indians/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian volunteered to serve in Vietnam. More per capita than any other ethnic group in the country. American Indians/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiians have fought in all wars/conflicts since the Revolutionary War and have earned and should receive the full recognition of their service. There is no Monument/Statue recognizing their Contribution and Sacrifice on the National Mall of our Nation's Capital.

**Background:** American Indians/Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians have always been the stewards of American homelands before it was America. American Indians/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiians have served in all Conflicts and Wars since the birth of America. Approximately 12,000 American Indian/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian served in World War I before they became Citizens of the United States, They served in World War I in an attempt to gain Citizenship of the United States, despite the fact they were original inhabitants. The native language of the Choctaw, Comanche, and Hopi Indian Tribes were first used in World War I to transmit field telephone messages. Approximately 25,000 volunteered to serve in World War II. The Comanche,

Creek, Chippewa, and Hopi Code Talkers used their own languages quite extensively in World War II. These Tribes were using their own language not a code. The Navajo Code Talkers developed a Code using their language. Their Code helped win the war in the Pacific. In record numbers, 42,000 servicemen in the American Indian/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian population exemplified strength, patriotism, honor, and dedication in all Branches of the Military during the Vietnam Conflict. American Indians/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian distinguished themselves with honor and bravery with three American Indians being awarded the Medal of Honor.

There should be a Monument/Statue of American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian servicemen to recognize their Contribution and Sacrifice during ALL WARS, the United States has participated in.

This is a very important objective to the American Indian/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian in gaining full recognition of their service to the United States of America

**Resolved, That:** Vietnam Veterans of America strongly encourages Congress to enact legislation to allow placement of an American Indian/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Statue at the Education Center of the Vietnam Memorial on the National Mall. This will give the proper recognition to the American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian who proudly served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and recognize their sacrifice and service to their country.