**The Peer Guides Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative 2020 Resolution**

**Whereas,** the National UNITY Council represents American Indian and Alaska Native youth who are members of the 320+ affiliated youth councils that operate in over 35 states, and

**Whereas,** the 12-member Executive Committee has been elected by the representatives of the National UNITY Council to act on its behalf between its yearly business meetings, and

**Whereas,** United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. is committed to promoting the leadership development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth, and

**Whereas,** UNITY’s mission is to foster the Spiritual, Mental, Physical and Social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth, and

**Whereas,** multiple risk factors exist among tribal communities and contribute to increased rates of youth violence, incarceration and delinquency among American Indian and Alaska Native youth, and

**Whereas,** the Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative encourages American Indian and Alaska Native youth to take proactive and positive measures to prevent increased rates of incarceration and delinquency in their own community, and

**Whereas,** the Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative will equip American Indian and Alaska Native youth with the tools to overcome obstacles prevalent in their respective communities while encouraging the youth to commit to wellness through their traditional teachings, and

**Whereas,** the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Tribal Youth Programs and Services helps tribal communities prevent victimization and juvenile delinquency, reduce crime, and improve tribal juvenile justice systems.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the National UNITY Council Executive Committee and National UNITY Council hereby endorses, supports, and agrees to participate in implementing the Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative, a tribal youth program in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

**CERTIFICATION:** The signature of the Executive Committee Co-Presidents and Secretary certifies that this resolution was duly adopted on Feb \_\_\_, 2020, at a meeting in which members were present with a vote of \_\_\_ for, \_\_\_ opposed and \_\_\_ absent.