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September 11, 2014

Dr. Matthew Martinez and Professor Regina Robbins  
Northern New Mexico College  
921 N. Paseo de Oñate  
Española, NM 875232

Dear Dr. Martinez and Prof. Robbins:

It is with great pleasure that I support your efforts to secure funding through a PED American Indian Education Training Program grant to prepare more highly qualified and effective American Indian (AI) teachers, counselors and administrators to support the cultural and linguistic needs of K-12 students in the region.

As the Executive Director of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, we established an MOU with Northern in 2006 that "developed a partnership to meet the educational needs of members of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos." Throughout the years Northern and ENIPC have worked together to provide scholarships, resources and opportunities for our Pueblo students. We have seen the success of increasing the number of American Indian students pursuing higher education, but we also recognize there is ample room to improve in the area of Indian Education. It will be a pleasure to work with you and your AIEP students in more impactful and sustainable ways.

Please count on our commitment to take an active role collaborating with you to strengthen the relationship between NNMC and ENIPC to improve education opportunities for AI students. I am excited to share with you to develop innovative ideas that will strengthen AI teacher preparation in the region and to place qualified teachers when their training is complete.

I look forward to a lasting collaboration. Please do not hesitate to call on me for any further assistance you may need.

Sincerely,

Gil Vigil,  
Executive Director, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council

P.O. BOX 969, 327 EAGLE DRIVE, SAN JUAN PUEBLO, NEW MEXICO 87566 – (505) 747.1593 Fax: (505) 747.1599

*"Promote, facilitate and improve programs to meet the unique needs of Pueblo people....."*

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
THE EIGHT NORTHERN INDIAN PUEBLOS COUNCIL  
AND  
NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE**

This agreement, by and between the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. (ENIPC, Inc.) and Northern New Mexico College (NNMC), is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ (27<sup>th</sup>) day of April, 2005, and is hereby agreed to by and between the parties that:

**Preamble:**

The Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. (ENIPC, Inc.) represents eight distinct and unique Northern New Mexico Indian Pueblo Tribes designated by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501.C.3. non-profit organization. The Eight Northern Pueblos are comprised of the Pueblo Tribes of Taos, Picuris, San Juan, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Pojoaque, Nambe and Tesuque. The Eight Northern Pueblo Tribes, located north of Santa Fe, consider themselves part of the service area of Northern New Mexico College.

**I. The Purpose of the Agreement**

- A. The purpose of this agreement is to establish a mutually beneficial partnership. The sole purpose shall be to plan, design, develop, establish, and carry out the mission of the Northern Pueblos Institute (NPI), which will be organized as a functional Department within the Northern New Mexico College (NNMC). The Department will be known as the Northern Pueblos Institute.
- B. The mission of the Northern Pueblos Institute shall be to improve our communities through collaborative (or partnership) efforts using the combined resources of ENIPC and NNMC.
- C. The NNMC Northern Pueblos Institute will also serve as a center for:
  - technical assistance
  - Research and analysis
  - resource and materials development

- dissemination investigation of tribal policy, legislative and community issues; Examples (i.e., water rights, economic development, tribal taxation, environmental issues, education, etc.).
- D. The NNMC Northern Pueblos Institute will serve as the catalyst to develop Tribal and community forums which will address issues that impact both the Tribal and non-Indian communities. NPI may develop and establish training programs for tribal residents and tribal staff as a result of specific legislative, community, and policy issues.
- E. It is mutually agreed that the following goals and objectives shall be implemented to realize the mission of the Northern Pueblos Institute:
- To establish a center for the development of policy on tribal specific issues.
  - To jointly seek funding for a building for the Northern Pueblos Institute at the Northern New Mexico College.
  - To provide research, analysis and materials development support to Northern New Mexico tribes on specific policy, legislative and community issues.
  - To utilize NNMC computer technology capabilities to support the NPI objectives.
  - To develop and implement regional forums on tribal issues such as, health care, transportation, water rights, taxation, federal legislation, etc.
  - To serve as a student leadership development to engage students to assist with the research, analysis and development of tribal issues.
  - To develop a tribal information clearinghouse and research materials retrieval dissemination system.
  - To publish information on major tribal issues, legislative and community issues.

## II. Nature and Scope of this Agreement

It is mutually agreed that the establishment of the NNMC Northern Pueblos Institute is in the best interest of all Northern New Mexico communities. Therefore, the following conditions are agreed to by the Eight Northern Indians Pueblos Council and Northern New Mexico College.

- A. To establish NPI as a functional Department of NNMC.
- B. To establish an ad hoc Advisory Committee for purposes of recommending policy, programmatic activities and providing assistance (as needed) in the hiring of NPI Staff.
- C. The ad hoc committee may be convened at the discretion of the President of NNMC, the Dean of Special Projects at NNMC, or the Director of the American Indian Affairs Office at NNMC, or by the ENIPC Chairman or Executive Director. As an ad hoc committee its membership will vary according to needs or desire of the College and the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos. Every effort shall be made to be sure that student representatives participate in ad hoc committee meetings with voting rights therein.
- D. ENIPC and NNMC will collaborate to seek funding to further develop and sustain NPI.
- E. The NNMC President and the ENIPC Executive Director shall agree to support recommendations and advice made by ad hoc Advisory Committees in order to comply with the terms of this agreement for the purpose of carrying forward the mission and purpose of the NNMC Northern Pueblos Institute.
- F. NPI Directors and other staff shall hold semi-annual public meetings where reports about NPI activities are given to the college and community-at-large and advice is sought for future NPI programs and activities; there will also be regular staff meetings with the Dean of Special Projects and the Director of the American Indian Affairs at NNMC.

III. Amendments/Termination

A. This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of both parties.

B. This agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement of the parties hereto under 60 days written notice.

IV. Period of Agreement

This agreement as amended shall become effective on the First day of April 27, 2005.

NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE

By: Michael P. Brown  
Chairman, Board of Regents

By: [Signature] 4-14-05  
President, Jose Griego

EIGHT NORTHERN INDIAN PUEBLOS COUNCIL

By: [Signature] - 4/13/05  
Governor Joe Garcia, Chairman

By: [Signature] - 4/13/05  
Vice-Chairman, ENIPC Board of Governors

By: [Signature] 4/13/05  
Terry Aguilar, ENIPC Executive Director



**EIGHT NORTHERN INDIAN PUEBLOS COUNCIL, INC.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 06-12 -38**

**APPROVAL OF A  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE EIGHT NORTHERN PUEBLOS AND  
NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE**

**WHEREAS,** the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Inc. (ENIPC), is comprised of the Pueblos of Nambé, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Taos and Tesuque; and

**WHEREAS,** the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Board of Governors is comprised of appointed and elected Tribal Governors from the respective Eight Northern Pueblo Tribes; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council and Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) have developed a partnership to meet the educational needs of members of the Eight Northern Pueblos; and

**WHEREAS,** the partnership at times requires revision to continue to meet those educational needs; and


**WHEREAS,** Northern New Mexico College and the Eight Northern Pueblos will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding which will facilitate the meeting of those educational needs.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;** the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council of Governors approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Regents of Northern New Mexico College and the Eight Northern Pueblos which is brought before the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council of Governors on December 11, 2006.

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that Resolution No. 06-12-38 was considered and adopted at an Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc., Board of Governors meeting held on December 11, 2006, at which a quorum was present. The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 absent.

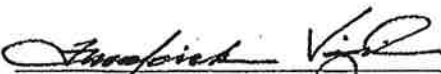
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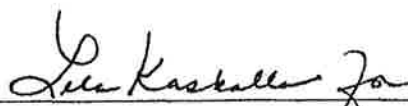
  
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Governor Joseph Garcia  
Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh  
ENIPC Chairman

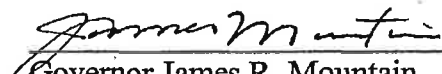
  
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Governor Michael Chavarria  
Pueblo of Santa Clara  
ENIPC Vice Chairman

Absent  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor James Lujan Sr.  
Pueblo of Taos

Absent  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor Richard Mermejo  
Pueblo of Picuris

  
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Governor Frederick Vigil  
Pueblo of Tesuque

  
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Governor Dennis F. Vigil  
Pueblo of Nambé

  
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Governor James R. Mountain  
Pueblo of San Ildefonso

Absent  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor George Rivera  
Pueblo of Pojoaque

Attest:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Gonzales  
ENIPC Executive Director

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Regents of Northern New Mexico College  
(Hereinafter called NNMC)

And

The Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. (ENIPC, Inc.)  
comprised of

the Pueblo of Nambe, Ohkay Owingeb, the Pueblo of Picuris,  
the Pueblo de Pojoaque, the Pueblo of San Ildefonso,  
the Pueblo of Santa Clara, the Pueblo of Taos and the Pueblo of Tesuque  
(Hereinafter called THE EIGHT NORTHERN PUEBLOS)

### A. Introduction

#### 1. Northern New Mexico College

Northern New Mexico College serves the educational needs of northern New Mexico's diverse population through higher education programs.

#### 2. The Eight Northern Pueblos

The Eight Northern Pueblos are the traditional homes of the indigenous residents of the northern New Mexico area.

### B. Statement of Need

#### 1. Northern New Mexico College

Providing higher education opportunities to residents of northern New Mexico is one of NNMC's highest priorities.

#### 2. The Eight Northern Pueblos

Obtaining higher education opportunities for their tribal members is very important to The Eight Northern Pueblos, so that they can contribute to the welfare of their tribal communities.

### C. Purpose of Memorandum and Goals of Relationship

The purpose of the memorandum is to formalize the relationship between the Regents of NNMC and The Eight Northern Pueblos.



The goal of this formalized relationship between the parties is to increase the enrollment in NNMC of residents of The Eight Northern Pueblos and promote successful completion of degree programs by these students.

**D. Organizational Responsibilities**

The purpose of the memorandum between the Regents of NNMC and the Eight Northern Pueblos will be to collaborate to address retention of and academic achievement of Northern Pueblo students enrolled at NNMC.

1. To attain the goals of this memorandum, NNMC and the Eight Northern Pueblos mutually will:
  - a. Conduct educational workshops and other appropriate events both on NNMC's campus and in the Eight Northern Pueblos communities for their members;
  - b. Participate at the local tribal level in educational activities sponsored by the individual and collective Eight Northern Pueblos to encourage members to pursue postsecondary education;
  - c. Work with the New Mexico Higher Education Department and the Northern New Mexico College Foundation to establish tuition waivers for members of the Eight Northern Pueblos;
  - d. Work collaboratively to explore the concept of establishing an NNMC campus on the Santa Fe Indian School campus to offer upper division coursework that leads to Bachelors degrees, as referenced in ENIPC, Inc. Resolution Number 06-02-04;
  - e. Collaborate in identifying and securing funds from NNMC, the Eight Northern Pueblos, local, state, federal and private sector sources to support implementation of retention programs for Eight Northern Pueblos students;
  - f. Strengthen communication among all parties on educational issues identified in this Memorandum of Understanding;
  - g. Jointly support the development of a New Mexico American Indian student tracking system that provides an annual report of data and findings;
  - h. Jointly develop an action plan that identifies implementation strategies which include what, who, when and how the goals will be achieved;

i. Work collaboratively to have a qualified Pueblo member on the NNMC Board of Regents.

2. To attain the goals of this memorandum, NNMC will:

a. Provide the Eight Northern Pueblos with year-end statistical reports regarding Eight Northern Pueblos students enrolled at NNMC, including:

- (1) Retention and graduation rates
- (2) Tracking system data and findings;

b. Make technical assistance available to the Eight Northern Pueblos to improve the educational success of their tribal members;

c. Continue to assign both the American Indian Affairs office and the Northern Pueblos Institute to be tribal liaisons to work with the Eight Northern Pueblos and their educational programs;

d. Expand its practice of seeking and hiring qualified American Indians in faculty, advisement and professional staff positions;

e. Assist the Eight Northern Pueblos in developing and implementing effective ways of disseminating bachelors' and associates' program information to tribal members of the Eight Northern Pueblos;

f. Make an effort to commence offering an annual Presidential Scholarship for each of the Eight Northern Pueblos;

g. Initiate an NNMC/Eight Northern Pueblos Oversight Committee composed of two members from each party to provide for Eight Northern Pueblos' input into the planning and development of new programs, grants, contracts and funds that utilizes, targets or includes Eight Northern Pueblos tribal members;

h. Collaborate with Northern New Mexico College to provide Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Diploma (GED) assistance to members of the Eight Northern Pueblos.

3. To attain the goals of this memorandum, the Eight Northern Pueblos Council, Inc, will:
  - a. Work with NNMC to provide tribal members of the Eight Northern Pueblos with information and technical assistance to prepare them for enrollment in a degree program at NNMC;
  - b. Work with NNMC to periodically identify the educational and training needs of community and tribal members to see how NNMC can most effectively meet these needs;
  - c. Identify the Eight Northern Pueblos tribal members who are enrolled at NNMC so that they can be included in NNMC's tracking system;
  - d. Support NNMC in identifying and securing funds for programs for American Indian students;
  - e. Support NNMC by appropriating Eight Northern Pueblos resources to support services for retention of tribal members when the need arises;
  - f. Strive to send a high proportion of the high school graduates and adult learners from each of the Eight Northern Pueblos to NNMC each year.

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT:**

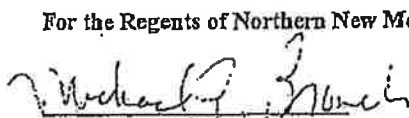
The term of this agreement shall continue in force in perpetuity and may be terminated by either party with 90 days written notice. In the case of such termination, all responsibilities incurred prior to such notice of termination pursuant to this agreement shall be carried out.

Amendments or improvements to this agreement may be made by the mutual agreement of representatives of both parties.

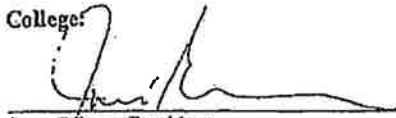
The undersigned agree that this document represents the understanding between NNMC and the Eight Northern Pueblos named above. Any agreement to change the terms of this memorandum in any way shall be valid only if the change is made in writing and approved by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

**APPROVALS:**

**For the Regents of Northern New Mexico College:**



Michael Branch, Chairman  
NNMC Board of Regents

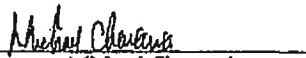


Jose Griego, President  
Northern New Mexico College

**For the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc.:**



Governor Joe Garcia  
Pueblo of Ohkay Owingch  
ENIPC, Inc. Chairman



Governor Michael Chavarria  
Pueblo of Santa Clara  
ENIPC, Inc. Vice Chairman

Attest:



John Gonzales,  
ENIPC Executive Director

1998-11-15

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### Northern New Mexico College & Pueblo of Pojoaque Native American Career and Technical Education Program

Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) and the Pueblo of Pojoaque Native American Career and Technical Education Program (POEH) agree to a collaboration which benefits both NNMC and the Pueblo and its students. Through this agreement, American Indian students in the Pueblo of Pojoaque Native American Career and Technical Education Program, which includes the Pueblo of Pojoaque Poeh Arts Program, will have the opportunity to earn college credit for course work in the traditional arts via NNMC, which is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools' Higher Education Commission.

POEH's students who have been admitted to NNMC and who have registered for one of the courses listed below will receive academic credit counting towards the program requirements for NNMC's Associate of Arts in Art, Associate of Arts in Heritage Arts, or Associate of Applied Science in Computer Aided Drafting. Some of NNMC's courses (\*) equate to more than one POEH course. Once a course equivalent has been completed with a grade of C or better, any *repeat* of that course can be counted only as an elective or as a substitution to be approved by NNMC's department chairperson for Fine Arts or chairperson for Career and Technical Education. In this context, a repeat consists of taking a more advanced POEH course for which NNMC has no equivalent.

Following are those POEH courses whose syllabi and instructors' qualifications have met NNMC's standards for meeting the requirements of an Associate of Arts in Art, Associate of Arts in Heritage Arts, or an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Aided Drafting. This agreement covers only these courses and the instructors listed. As courses and/or instructors change, amendments to this agreement will have to be made.

#### POEH Course

Pueblo Polychrome Pottery  
Shawn Tafoya \*

Incised Micaceous Pottery  
Michael Bancroft \*

Stone Sculpture  
Ryan Benally \*

Jewelry I, Basic Introduction  
Fritz Casuse \*

Jewelry II  
Fritz Casuse \*

Advanced Jewelry  
Wayne Nez Gaussoin \*

Jewelry III  
Fritz Casuse \*

Computer Applications for Artists  
Jeff Toomey \*

Introduction to GIS/GPS  
Jeff Toomey \*

Introduction to Auto CAD  
Jeffrey Toomey

Introduction to Woodworking  
Lee Valdez

Pueblo Embroidery  
Velma Teba \*

#### NNMC Course

Micaceous Pottery I (ART 180, 3 crs) \*

Micaceous Pottery II (ART 280, 3 crs) \*

Sculpture (ART 237, 3 crs)

Basic Jewelry & Metal Working (Art 150, 3 crs) \*

Traditional Silver Smithing (ART 190, 3 crs) \*

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Computer Literacy Basics (BCIS 102, 3crs)

GIS/GPS (DRFT 110, 3crs)

Computer Aided Drafting (DRFT 100, 4 crs)

Traditional Woodcarving (ART 115, 3 crs)

Pueblo Embroidery (ART 155, 3 crs)

For purposes of administering this agreement, POEH students who enroll in the equivalent of NNMC's designated course will be registered into a section of the course which is unique to the POEH location. In this way, POEH students who enroll under this agreement will be able to count their course credit(s) among those needed to meet financial aid enrollment standards. Justification to NNMC's Financial Aid Office for any *repeat* courses will be the sole responsibility of the student enrolling in that course. The POEH program will assist its students with submitting applications for admission, registration cards, and tuition to NNMC's Office of Admission, the Cashier's Office, and to the Financial Aid Office, as appropriate.

Students participating in this agreement are entitled to all benefits accorded to other students of NNMC and are also responsible for adhering to NNMC's policies and procedures.

Poeh Arts instructors will follow NNMC's academic calendar and will report mid-term and final grades according to that official calendar.

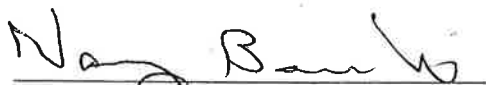
NNMC's department chairpersons responsible for those courses covered by this agreement, along with NNMC's Provost may make periodic visits to Poeh Arts classes. Prior to any such visits, the Pueblo of Pojoaque Native American Career and Technical Education Program Director will be contacted to make arrangements.

NNMC will pay the instructor of any of these 3-credit courses in which the enrollment is at least 10 students paying tuition to NNMC; the Pueblo of Pojoaque Native American Career and Technical Education Program will pay the instructor's salary if the enrollment is less than 10.

The Pueblo of Pojoaque Native American Career and Technical Education Program will provide classrooms, equipment, and limited art supplies for courses identified in this agreement.

Based on Congressional appropriation as "special set-aside" funding for Native American Career and Technical Education, enrollment in any of these courses is limited to Native Americans who can provide valid tribal affiliation documentation. Stone Sculpture and Woodworking are open to all students and without preference to tribal affiliation.

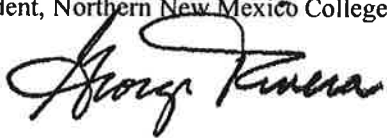
The terms of this agreement will remain in effect until such time as either party provides at least 30-day advance notification of withdrawing from the agreement. Amendments may be made by the POEH Director and NNMC's Provost as long as the amendments are in writing and reference this agreement.



Dr. Nancy "Rusty" Barceló  
President, Northern New Mexico College

3.11.13

Date



George Rivera  
Executive Director, Poeh Cultural Center and Museum  
Governor, Pueblo of Pojoaque

3/28/13

Date