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NAGA thanks Schumacher for retaining and respecting the Indianapolis Indians name

Devils Lake, North Dakota- NAGA acknowledges a battle won for the preservation of the Indianapolis Indians minor league baseball team. NAGA knows the fight to keep and retain the Native American iconography associated with the Indians name. We acknowledge the determination and actions taken by Chairman and CEO Bruce Schumacher to partner with the Miami Nation of Indians.

We appreciate the dedication of Mr. Schumacher to hear both sides of the argument that using the names Indians is offensive. NAGA believes that eradication of Native American imagery and iconography leads to erasing a culture and people from history. Preservation of these names inspires pride in our heritage and honors our tribal people. NAGA acknowledges that Chief Buchanan of the Miami Nations of Indians took a vote to hear from his tribal people on their concerns. The vote was unanimous by tribal members that retaining the name is not offensive to their tribe.

Board Member Eunice Davidson, "We are excited to hear this news. Veterans will be honored during a Native American Heritage night, a funded Miami scholarship program, a statement honoring the land before each game, but what is most important is the opportunity to educate the fans on keeping this name!"

The Native American Guardian's Association (NAGA) is a 501c3 non-profit organization advocating for increased education about Native Americans, especially in public educational institutions, and greater recognition of Native American Heritage through the high-profile venues of sports and other public platforms.

