



Child Welfare League of America Celebrates Supreme Court Decision in Support of ICWA

The Child Welfare League of America joins our partner NICWA and Tribal Nations in celebrating the Supreme Court's decision today in *Haaland v. Brackeen*, which upheld the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). We rejoice in the decisive 7-2 majority opinion by the Supreme Court Justices to reject all the challenges to the law, a strong statement in support of Tribal sovereignty in child welfare matters.

Our nation has a long, painful history of disregarding Tribal sovereignty and removing Alaskan Native and American Indian children from their families and communities. Passed in 1978, ICWA is a long-standing federal law protecting the wellbeing of Native children by prioritizing family integrity and stability within their community. It is considered the "gold standard" in child welfare policy, grounded in best practices in child welfare and supported by decades of experience and research. ICWA is fundamental to the wellbeing of Native children and families.

Tribal Nations fought hard for the protections offered by ICWA when it was first passed and have continued to fight to maintain these protections in the decades since. CWLA is proud to stand alongside the dedicated advocates responsible for today's victory and offer our sincere congratulations and support for this landmark decision.