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Swinomish Tribe  
Tulalip Tribe  
Upper Skagit Tribe  
Yakama Indian Nation

**RESOLUTION #17-03-07**

**Opposition to FY 2018 Budget Cuts to U.S. Department  
of Health and Human Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board {hereinafter "NPAIHB" or "Board" was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB is a "tribal organization" as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act {P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USC §450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, AI/ANs have significant health disparities and have some of the highest rates of poverty nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the median income for AI/ANs in the Northwest is \$9,770 lower than the regional average and about 27% of AI/AN in the Northwest live in poverty, compared to 15.5% of the general population; and

**WHEREAS**, DHHS funding to the Indian Health Services honors the federal government's trust responsibility and treaty obligations to Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, DHHS includes several federal agencies that fund or provide programs and services to Tribes and AI/AN communities that is part of federal government's trust responsibility and

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treaty obligations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, the DHHS Office of Community Services' Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Service Block Grant Program provides critical services to low income AI/ANs that otherwise would not be able to pay their energy or heating bill or access other needed services; and

**WHEREAS**, the President's FY 2018 "America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again" proposes a 17.9% cut to DHHS and proposes elimination of the discretionary programs within the Office of Community Services, including the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Community Service Block Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, AI/ANs rely on funding, programs and services through DHHS and funding cuts will have a negative impact on the health and well-being of AI/ANs; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has a trust responsibility and treaty obligations to ensure that Tribes and AI/AN communities are fully funded to meet their health care and service needs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board opposes any FY 2018 budget cuts to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, including the Indian Health Service, and elimination of discretionary programs within the Office of Community Services such as LIHEAP and Community Service Block Grant Program, as this is a violation of the federal government's trust responsibility and treaty obligations to Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 17-03-07

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 34 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 20, 2017.

*Andrew C. Joseph Jr.*

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Chairman

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Date

*Darryl J. Abraham*  
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Secretary