



NPAIHB

Member Tribes of
the Northwest
Portland Area
Indian Health
Board:

Burns Paiute Tribe
Chehalis Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Colville Tribe
Coos, Siuslaw & Lower
Umpqua Tribe
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek Tribe
Cowlitz Tribe
Grand Ronde Tribe
Hoh Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam
Tribe
Kalispel Tribe
Klamath Tribe
Kootenai Tribe
Lower Elwha
Klallam Tribe
Lummi Tribe
Makah Tribe
Muckleshoot Tribe
Nez Perce Tribe
Nisqually Tribe
Nooksack Tribe
NW Band of
Shoshoni Tribe
Port Gamble S'Klallam
Tribe
Puyallup Tribe
Quileute Tribe
Quinalt Tribe
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock
Tribe
Siletz Tribe
Skokomish Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe
Squaxin Island Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe
Suquamish Tribe
Swinomish Tribe
Tulalip Tribe
Umatilla Tribe
Upper Skagit Tribe
Warm Springs Tribe
Yakama Nation

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RESOLUTION # 21-03-08

Call on Congress to Support [Full or Increased] Funding for FY 2022 Indian Health Service Budget

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

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board 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 USCS § 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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board 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, the IHS has been chronically underfunded as demonstrated by the disparity of federal health care spending of the IHS (\$4,078 per person in FY 2019) compared to federal health care spending nationwide (\$11,582 per person in FY 2019); and

WHEREAS, President Biden released the FY 2022 discretionary budget request which includes a 23.5% increase to the Department of Health and Human Services over the 2021 enacted level; and

WHEREAS, the President’s discretionary budget proposal is intended to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic, improve public health infrastructure, and advance equity across the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the President has stated his commitment to Tribal Nations and to fully funding the Indian Health Service (IHS); and

WHEREAS, the President’s request for IHS FY 2022 budget includes a \$2.2 billion increase over FY 2021 enacted level and a request for advance appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed \$8.5 billion for IHS in FY 2022 is \$4.2 billion below the FY 2022 National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup Recommendation of \$12.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, the National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup has requested full funding of IHS at \$48 billion; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has a trust responsibility and treaty obligations to ensure that Tribes and American Indian and Alaska Natives are fully funded to meet their health care and service needs; and

WHEREAS, funding IHS in FY 2022 at [Option 1: \$12.8 billion or Option 2: \$8.5 billion] to address the growing health disparities and urgent health care needs of American Indian and Alaska Native people is in fulfillment of the federal government's treaty and trust obligations.

OPTION 1:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB recommends that Congress support a \$6.5 billion increase to the IHS FY 2022 budget over FY 2021 enacted level to fund IHS at \$12.8 billion in FY 2022 and move IHS to full funding of \$48 billion; and

OPTION 2:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB recommends that Congress support the President's request of \$2.2 billion increase to the IHS FY 2022 budget over the FY 2021 enacted level in FY 2021 to fund IHS at \$8.5 billion in FY 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board calls on Congress to support the President's request for advance appropriations for FY 2023.

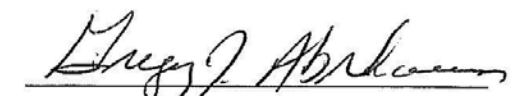
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors at the April Quarterly Board Meeting, held virtually April 20, 2021 – April 22, 2021, with a quorum present.



Nickolaus D. Lewis
Chair, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Councilman, Lummi Indian Business Council

ATTEST:



Greg Abrahamson, NPAIHB Secretary