



2016 Mid-Year Convention Grand Ronde, Oregon

RESOLUTION #16 -28

"SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD FY 2017 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT"

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific Tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a regional organization comprised of American Indians in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2017 budget request for the Indian Health Service (IHS) budget includes an increase of \$377 million over last year's enacted level; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's (NPAIHB) *FY 2017 Annual IHS Budget Analysis and Recommendations* report estimates that it will take at least \$482.7 million to maintain mandatory cost requirements (inflation, population growth, pay act increases, and contract support costs) in order to not reduce the current levels of care; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB recognizes that the President's FY 2017 IHS budget continues a positive maintenance of effort for a budget that has suffered a heavy burden of neglect over the past ten years and commend this Administration for their continued support to fund health care for American Indian and Alaska Native people; and

WHEREAS, past funding provided by the previous Administration was woefully inadequate to maintain current services with an estimated \$1 billion lost to unfunded medical inflation and population growth, which has resulted in significant lost purchasing power in the IHS budget; and

WHEREAS, in order to make up for this lost purchasing power and given the significant health care needs of American Indian and Alaska Native people, it is critical to continue to provide significant budget increases to the IHS budget to make up for the many years of chronic underfunding; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI approves and adopts the recommendations included in the NPAIHB's *FY 2017 Annual IHS Budget Analysis and Recommendations* report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ATNI urges the Senate and House Interior Appropriations Committees to include a \$482.7 million increase in the IHS appropriation for FY 2017.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2016 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, Oregon on May 23-26, 2016, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary