

National Indian Health Board



National Indian Health Board Resolution 18-03

SUPPORT FOR PROMOTING THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TRIBES AND PROTECTING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

WHEREAS, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), established in 1972, serves all Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal governments by advocating for the improvement of health, behavioral health and public health services to AI/ANs and for the fulfillment of the Federal government's trust responsibility to AI/AN Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the NIHB is duly elected to serve the sovereign rights of all Federally recognized Tribal governments, to promote the highest levels of health for AI/AN people, and to advise the Federal government in the development of responsible health care policy; and

WHEREAS, Since the formation of the Union, the United States (U.S.) has recognized Indian Tribes as sovereign nations; and

WHEREAS, A unique government-to-government relationship exists between Indian Tribes and the Federal Government and this relationship is grounded in the U.S. Constitution, numerous treaties, statutes, Federal case law, regulations, executive orders, and the political and legal relationship that Indian Tribes have with the Federal Government and is not based on race; and

WHEREAS, this special relationship is affirmed in statutes, regulations, and various Presidential Executive Orders; and

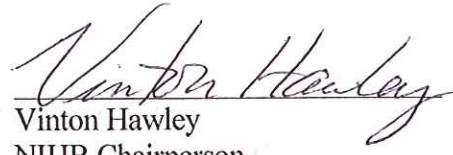
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NIHB will continue to support the unique government-to-government relationship between Indian Tribes and the Federal Government and promote and protect Tribal Sovereignty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NIHB will continue to educate the federal government, whether it be members of Congress or the Administration, on the unique political status of Tribes, the Trust responsibility, and the resulting special provisions and protections accorded American Indians and Alaska Natives on this basis and not that of race; and

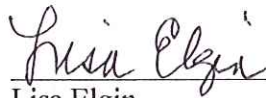
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NIHB will continue to advocate for the unique political status of Tribes, their members, and promote and protect that political status and take all action possible and practical to uphold that political status and prevent policymaking at the federal level that misinterprets federal policy impacting Tribes on the basis of race.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board, with quorum present, on the 29th day of January, 2018.


Vinton Hawley
NIHB Chairperson

ATTEST:



Lisa Elgin
NIHB Secretary