

# National Indian Health Board



## National Indian Health Board Resolution 18-13

### **TO RECOGNIZE THE GREAT LAKES AREA HEALTH BOARD AS A MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD**

**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 care delivery to AI/ANs, as well as upholding the Federal government's trust responsibility to AI/AN Tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Health Board recognizes an Area Health Board from each Indian Health Service (IHS) Area as a Member Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Health Boards serve as Member Organizations of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and the communication link between the NIHB and the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, Member Organizations advise in the development of positions on health policy, planning, and program design as well as gather information and review public opinion and proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, in areas without an Area Health Board, Tribes select an NIHB representative to communicate the Tribal perspective to the NIHB and to share policy information and concerns back from the NIHB to Area Tribes; and

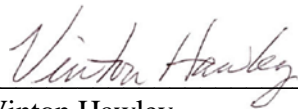
**WHEREAS**, the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST), a member organization of NIHB, has submitted a request to change the organization representing the Bemidji Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution requests the NIHB to recognize the Great Lakes Area Health Board as a Member Organization;

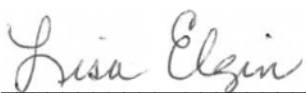
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NIHB will recognize and take all necessary steps to engage the Great Lakes Area Health Board as the Member Organization for the Bemidji Area.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board, with quorum present, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

  
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Vinton Hawley  
NIHB Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lisa Elgin  
NIHB Secretary