Based on the outcomes of the 2022 Inter-Tribal World Café on Health Equity, the following recommendations are examples of steps the US Department of Health & Humans Services (HHS) can take – in partnership and consultation with Tribes – to advance health equity for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

1. **Tribal Sovereignty**
   - Create a policy acknowledging that ‘American Indian and Alaska Native’ is a matter of political status (not race/ethnicity)
   - Ensure AI/AN are visible in health equity plans and definitions
   - Approach AI/AN health equity through the Government-to-Government relationship the US maintains with Tribal Nations
   - Focus on the strengths, assets, and knowledge of Tribes and Tribal organizations as the source of the answers to health equity

2. **Resilience through Culture**
   - Support Indigenous knowledge, traditional healing, and culturally relevant services
   - Invest in research and programs designed by Tribes for Tribes, including broader acceptance of practice-based evidence
   - Proactively solicit Tribal input on communications materials going to Indian Country

3. **Strong Tribal Institutions**
   - Build capacity of Tribal health and wellness organizations, programs, and workforce to recognize strengths and reduce inequities
   - Collaborate and improve data sharing with Tribal governments and organizations, including Tribal Epidemiology Centers

4. **Tribal Empowerment in State & Federal Governance**
   - Expand roles and involvement of Tribal affairs offices and advisors in policy creation and decision-making
   - Work with Tribes to assess causes of disparities within HHS programs, and address inequities in policies and operations to close gaps
   - Ensure regular, meaningful, and robust Tribal Consultations
   - Be responsive to recommendations of Tribal Advisory Committees and ensure TACs are fully resourced

5. **Federal Trust Responsibility**
   - Expand Tribal set-asides for funding AI/AN health initiatives
   - Expand the collection, reporting, and analysis of standardized data to better represent AI/AN
   - Provide training to HHS employees on Tribes and application of the federal trust responsibility
   - Foster a standard of cultural humility across agencies, programs, and staff