

The Legend of the Buffalo Calf Woman

**Honoring the Federal Trust
Responsibility: A New Partnership to
Provide Quality Healthcare to America's
First Citizens**

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Honoring the Federal Trust Responsibility

**The United States
Constitution**

**Gives Congress
Authority to Engage
in Relations with
Tribes**

**Declares Treaties as
“Supreme Law of
the Land”**

SOLID LEGISLATIVE FOUNDATION:

Starting with the United States Constitution,
Congress is given authority to engage in
relations with Tribes & Treaties declared as
“Supreme Law of the Land”

The Snyder Act of 1921

The Transfer Act of 1954

Indian Health Facilities Act & Indian Sanitation
Facilities Act of 1959

The Indian Self-Determination and Education
Assistance Act (enacted 1975)

Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976,
made Permanent in 2010

The Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986

The Indian Child Protection and Family
Violence Prevention Act of 1990

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians Act
AN/AI Direct Reimbursement Act

Tribal Law and Order Act

Violence Against Women Act



Treaties

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*“Great Nations,
like great men,
should keep their word.”*

Supreme Court Justice Whitaker



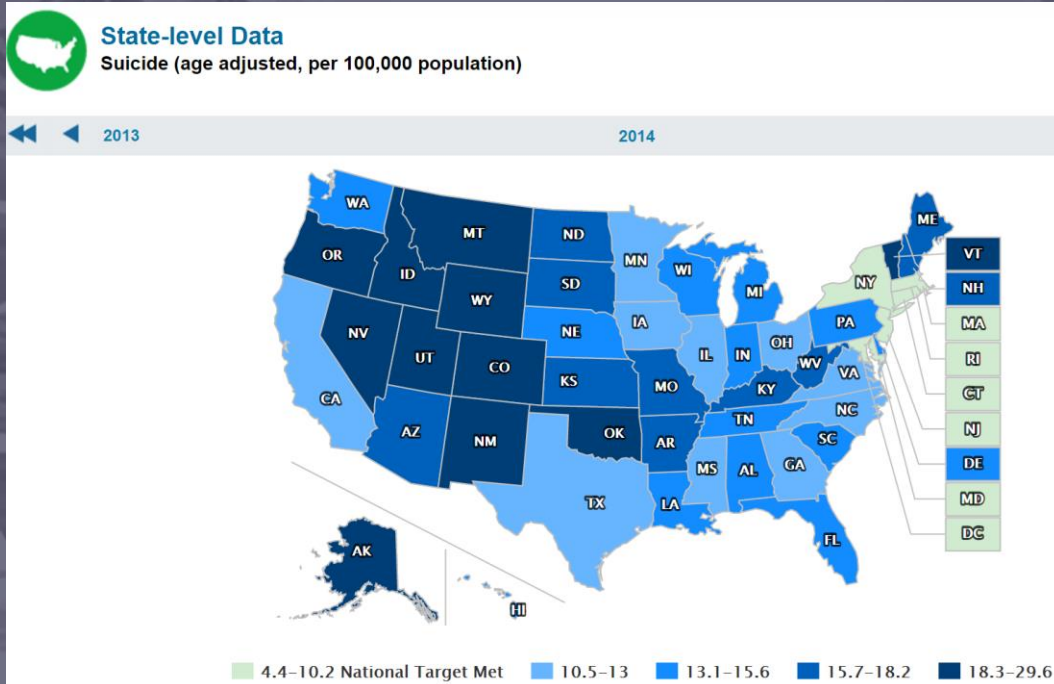
Renewing the Promise to Our **First** Americans



“We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and restore its promise for all of our people.”

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP
INAUGURAL ADDRESS
JAN. 20, 2017**

A New Partnership to Provide Quality Healthcare to America's First Citizens



Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicators Framework: Health Determinants and Health Outcomes by Life Stages

HP2020 Suicides (MHMD-1)

- 12.6 suicides per 100,000 population among American Indian or Alaska Native persons; more than twice the best group rate

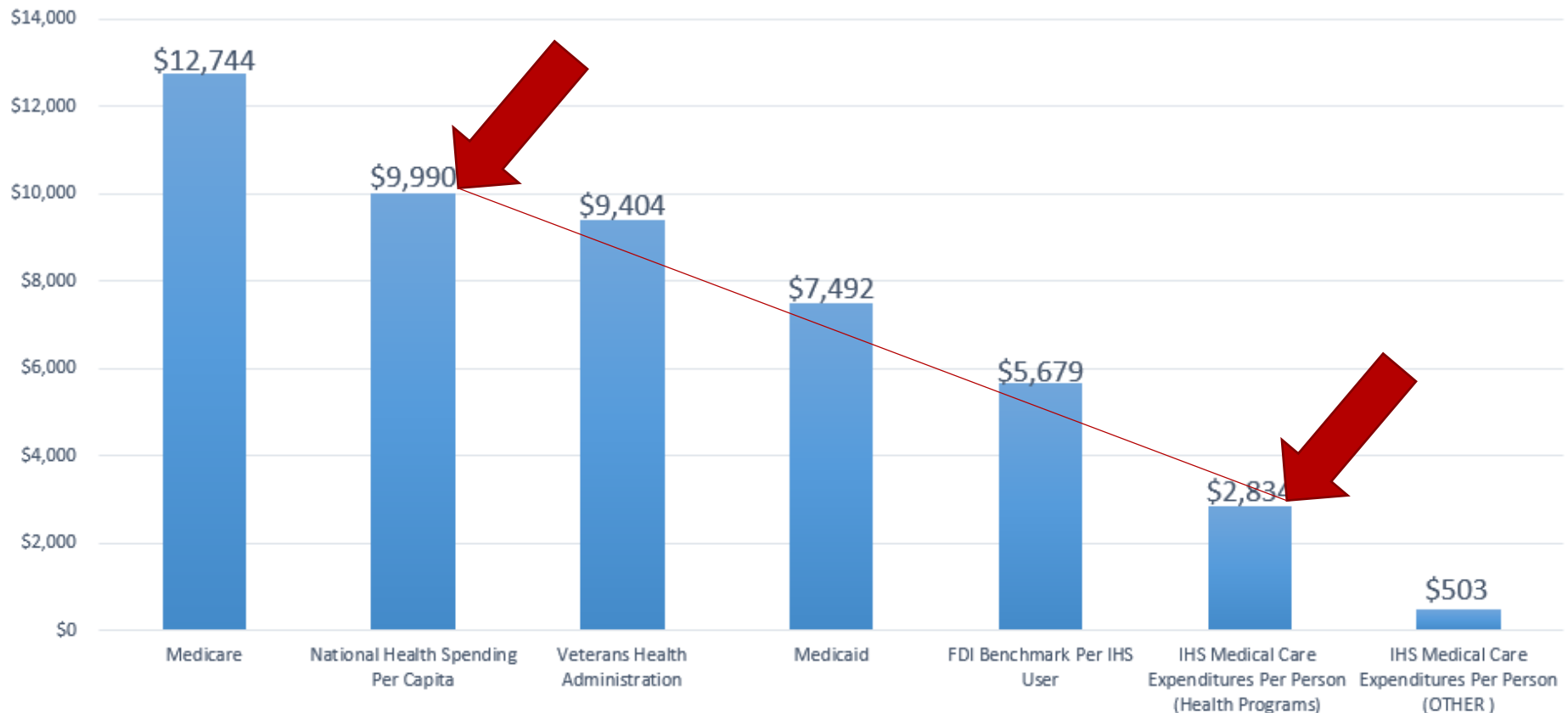
HP2020 Access to Health Services (AHS-1)

- Increase the proportion of persons with health insurance
- IHS coverage is far below health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, VA or even the Prison system
- To say that Tribal members have coverage because they are eligible for Indian Health Service programs glosses over the lack of true access in Indian country

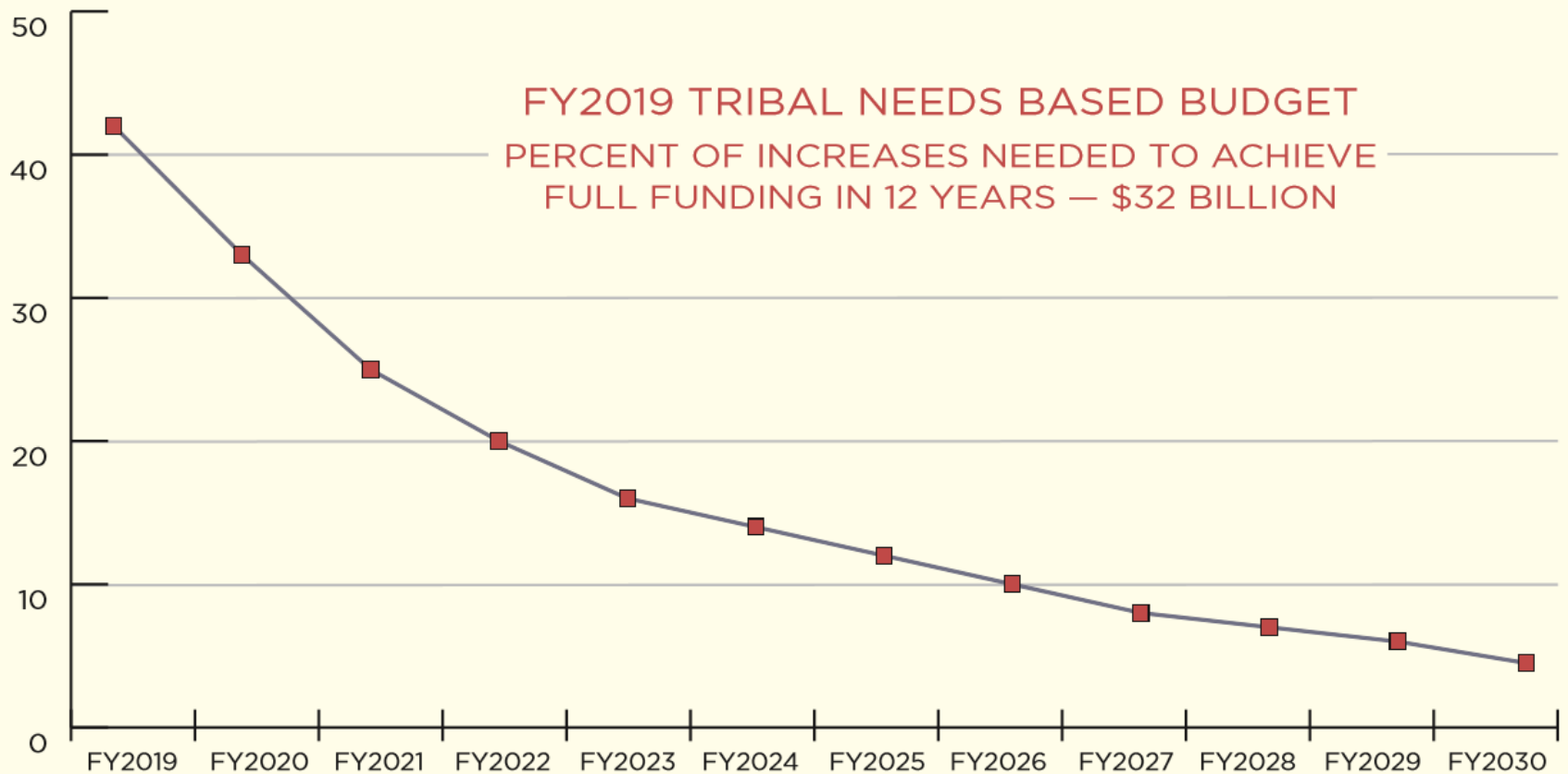
A New Partnership for Quality:

IF we are *SERIOUS* about overcoming health disparities, we *MUST CHANGE* the current trajectory of the federal programs

2016 IHS Expenditures Per Capita and
Other Federal Health Care Expenditures Per Capita



To Change Outcomes, New Resources *ARE* Required: Recommend Phasing in FULL Funding of IHS of \$32 Billion for Medical Care and Replacing & Modernizing Health System Infrastructure over 12 Years





Tribal Budget Recommendations for FY2019

- I. Commit to fully fund IHS at \$32 Billion phased in over 12 years**
- II. Increase the Enacted budget for the IHS by a minimum of 33% for a total of 6.4 B in FY 2019:**
 - +\$169.1 Million for full funding of current services**
 - +\$252.1 Million for binding fiscal obligations, inc. CSC estimate**
 - +\$1.17 Billion for program expansion increases**

Increase 33% over FY2016 IHS Enacted Budget: +\$1.6 Billion <i>(Represents a Request of \$6.4 Billion for IHS in FY2019)</i>		Recommended:
Fully Fund Current Services		\$169.1Million
Binding Agreements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care Facilities Construction Projects (Planned): +\$83.3M • Staffing Costs for New Facilities (estimate): +\$68.8M • New Tribes (estimate): +\$0 		\$152.1 Million
Contract Support Costs (includes New and Expanded Programs):		\$100 Million
Program Increases (Total): (Services: \$985.1M & Facilities: \$189.2M) TOP 15 PRIORITIES FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hospitals & Health Clinics+\$295.5 million 2. Purchased / Referred Care+\$278.6 million 3. Mental Health+\$122.6 million 4. Alcohol & Substance Abuse+\$114.8 million 5. Dental Health+\$ 67.2 million 6. Health Care Facilities Construction ..+\$ 59.3 million 7. Sanitation Facilities Construction ...+\$ 44.8 million 8. Equipment+\$ 32.4 million 9. Maintenance & Improvement+\$ 30.8 million 10. Community Health Reps.+\$ 29.5 million 11. Public Health Nursing+\$ 24.5 million 12. Urban Indian Health+\$ 20.2 million 13. Health Education+\$ 16.7 million 14. Indian Health Professions+\$ 13.3 million 15. Facilities & Env. Health Support+\$ 13.0 million 		\$1.17 Billion



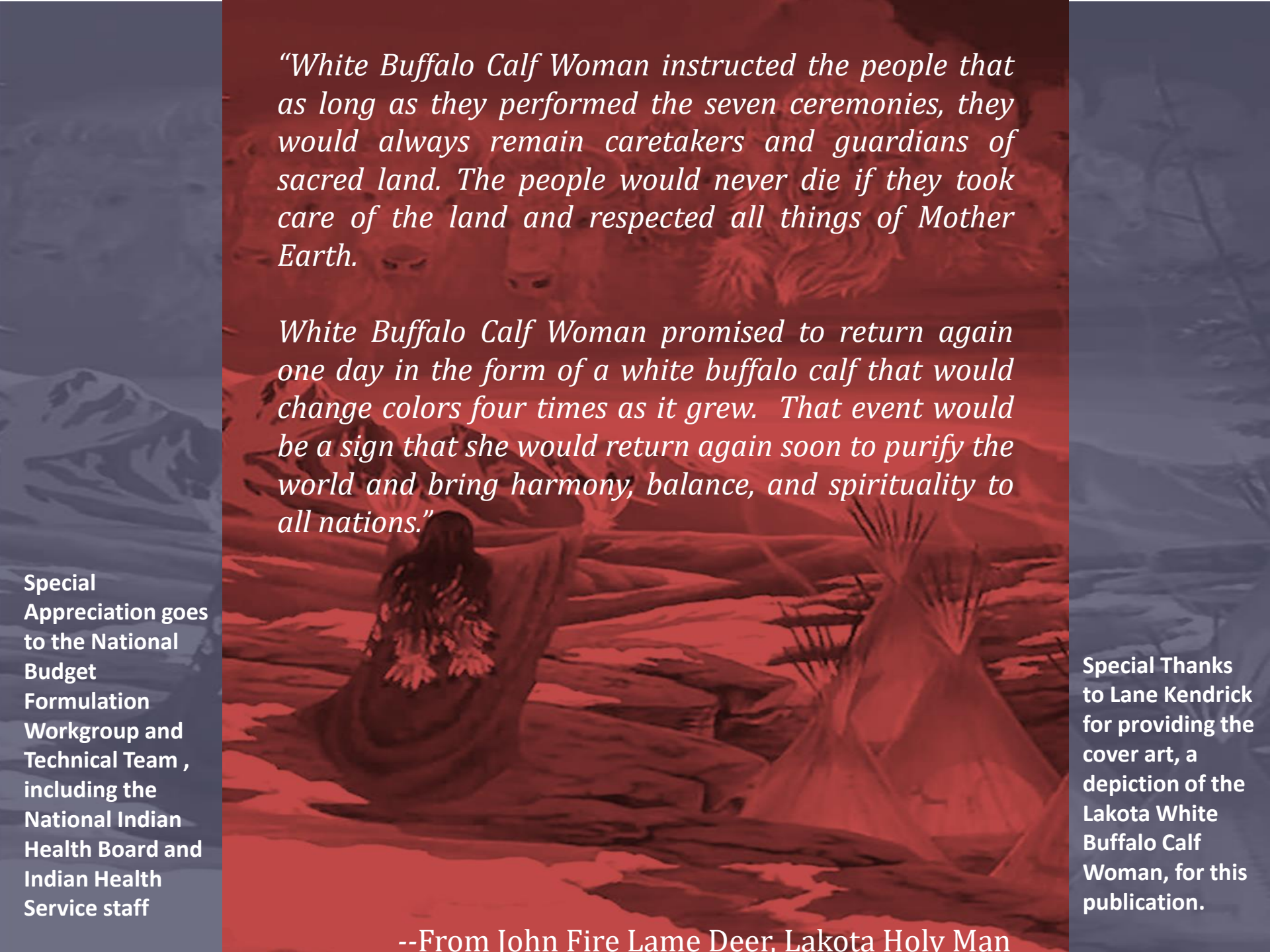
OTHER Tribal Budget Recommendations for FY2019

- III. Support the Preservation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and other Indian-specific provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable care Act (P.L. 111-48)**
- IV. Allow federally-operated health facilities and IHS headquarters the same flexibility to adjust programmatic funds across accounts to maximize efficiency and effective use of federal dollars at the local level**
- V. Advocate that Tribes and Tribal programs be permanently exempt from sequestration**
- VI. Support Advance Appropriations for the Indian Health Service**



"Congress needs to be willing to put that investment into [IHS]. It is not asking too much. We make up 2% of the entire population of this country. We are the genocide survivors. It is not a big ask for this country to fund schools, health, our judicial systems at a level that allows us to live functional healthy lives."

**Jerilyn Church, Chief Executive Officer
Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board
February 3, 2016**



“White Buffalo Calf Woman instructed the people that as long as they performed the seven ceremonies, they would always remain caretakers and guardians of sacred land. The people would never die if they took care of the land and respected all things of Mother Earth.

White Buffalo Calf Woman promised to return again one day in the form of a white buffalo calf that would change colors four times as it grew. That event would be a sign that she would return again soon to purify the world and bring harmony, balance, and spirituality to all nations.”

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Lakota White
Buffalo Calf
Woman, for this
publication.

--From John Fire Lame Deer, Lakota Holy Man