National Indian Health Board

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ALL REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE NIHB BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON D.C.

WHEREAS, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), established in 1972, serving 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, does hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the NIHB was formed by the Tribes to serve as the unified advocate to the U.S. Congress, the Indian Health Service (IHS), other federal agencies, private foundations, and potential friends and allies about health disparities, public health, and health care issues experienced in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the NIHB mission and vision, regular meetings of the NIHB Board of Directors are held at least four (4) times each year, on a quarterly basis; and

WHEREAS, in the past, meetings of the NIHB Board of Directors were held in various locations across Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, elevating the visibility of Indian health care and public health issues is a key role of the NIHB; and

WHEREAS, this struggle has been shared by Tribal governments for hundreds of years; and

WHEREAS, the NIHB is strategically located in Washington D.C. expressly to enable NIHB to conduct outreach, education and advocacy to lawmakers and administration officials; and

WHEREAS, the NIHB proximity to policy makers on a federal level allows NIHB opportunities to monitor legislation and request in- person meetings with key stakeholders involved in policy decisions impacting Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS, holding meetings of the NIHB Board of Directors in Washington D.C. will improve the ability of Tribal Leaders serving on the NIHB to fulfill the core advocacy mission and vision of the NIHB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Indian Health Board calls for all regular meetings of the Board of Directors to be held in Washington D.C.; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NIHB until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the NIHB Board of Directors, with quorum present, on the 25^{th} day of January 2017.

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ATTEST:

Lisa Elgin

Recording Secretary