



# Alaska Native Health Board

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## Resolution 01-2013

### Providing for Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Health Board, a 26-member organization established in 1968, is recognized as the statewide voice on Alaska Native health issues representing the Tribes and Tribal consortia providing health care and community services to over 135,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing health services to American Indian and Alaska Native people, in addition to serving as the funding mechanism for tribes and tribal organizations carrying out these services; and

WHEREAS, the IHS carries out the federal government's obligation to ensure the health and wellbeing of Alaska Native and American Indian people and communities, a government-to-government relationship established in the Constitution and given substance through subsequent treaties, Congressional legislation, Supreme Court decisions, and Executive Orders, collectively forming the federal Trust Responsibility; and

WHEREAS, this solemn obligation is significantly compromised when funding needed by tribal and IHS health care providers is not enacted by the beginning of the fiscal year and is instead provided for through continuing resolutions; and

WHEREAS, this late funding significantly hampers tribal and IHS health care providers' budgeting, recruitment, retention, provision of services, facility maintenance and construction efforts; and

WHEREAS, Congress recognized that the Veterans Administration has also been greatly hampered in providing health services to veterans because of late funding, and in 2010 extended via statute to the VA advance appropriations for their health care appropriation accounts; and

WHEREAS, providing sufficient, timely, and predictable funding is needed to ensure the Government meets its federal Trust Responsibility to American Indian and Alaska Native People.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alaska Native Health Board supports the following actions to achieve advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service:

- a. the enactment of legislation amending the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) to authorize IHS advance appropriations for the Indian Health Services and Indian Health Facilities appropriation accounts;

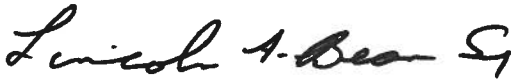
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COPPER RIVER NATIVE ASSOCIATION  
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SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION  
SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM  
TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE  
YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION  
VALDEZ NATIVE TRIBE

- b. the enactment of legislation amending the Congressional Budget Act to require the President to submit estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted for IHS; and
- c. the inclusion of IHS advance appropriations authority in House and Senate Budget Resolutions; and
- d. the enactment of the advance appropriations in the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for the Indian Health Services and Indian Health Facilities appropriation accounts, initially for a transition year and thereafter as an advance appropriation each year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alaska Native Health Board supports the enactment of the advance appropriations in the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Act to achieve advance appropriations for IHS.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Alaska Native Health Board on August 15, 2013, by unanimous consent.



Lincoln Bean, Sr.  
Chairmen, Alaska Native Health Board

9-3-2013

Date



Verné Boerner  
ANHB President/CEO

9/3/2013

Date