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CRIHB and NPAIHB Board of Directors Adopt 12 Joint Resolutions at 15th Biennial Meeting

Roseville—The California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB) hosted the 15th Biennial Joint Board of Directors Meeting with our sister organization, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Inc. (NPAIHB) on July 15-18, 2019. Over 225 people attended the four-day event, including 52 youth who participated in a Tribal Youth Leadership Conference that was held concurrently at CRIHB's office in Roseville. For over 30 years, CRIHB and NPAIHB have partnered together to share ideas and resources and to work on important policy initiatives for our common goal of improving the quality of health care for Tribes and American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the West.

On the last day of the conference, the CRIHB and NPAIHB Boards of Directors, who represent 95 Tribes in California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, voted to adopt the following 12 joint resolutions:

- *A call to Congress to support advanced appropriations for the Indian Health Service (IHS) and equitable funding for the California IHS Area.*
- *Full funding for the IHS and equitable funding for the California IHS Area.*
- *A call to Congress to support mandatory appropriations for the IHS.*
- *A call to Congress to fully fund section 105(l) Indian Self-Determination, Education, and Assistance Act (ISDEAA) lease obligations to Tribes and Tribal Organizations as a separate line item in the IHS budget.*
- *Call to Congress to enact mandatory appropriations in support of the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative.*
- *Support of enacting legislation to ensure Medicaid fulfills federal trust responsibility to AI/ANs.*
- *Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health AI/AN Health Research Advisory Committee.*
- *Support for increased funding for the special behavioral health pilot program and option for funding through ISDEAA Title 1 and Title V funding agreements.*



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- *A call to the IHS to move the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) dependent factor in the PRC funding formula to the annual adjustment category.*
- *Support for legislation that establishes a Department of Veterans Affairs' Tribal Advisory Committee.*
- *Support for permanent reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians through ISDEAA Title 1 and Title V funding agreements.*
- *A call to Congress to remove unnecessary government performance and results Modernization Act reporting requirements for opioid treatment services provided by Tribes and to increase funding for these services.*

“CRIHB and NPAIHB have a long history of working together to advocate for improved health care for American Indians,” said Dr. Mark LeBeau, CRIHB’s CEO. “Passing these twelve joint resolutions allows us to strengthen our voice and increase our leverage when working with lawmakers and administrators to effect change.”

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