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Resolution No. _____

TITLE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION EXPANDING SELF-GOVERNANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Health Board, a 28-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 177,000 Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people statewide as well as thousands more non-Natives living in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) is the statewide tribal voice on Alaska Native health issues and for over 40 years has served as an advocate organization on the health needs of all AN/AI people throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) authorizes Tribes and Tribal organizations to be funded by the federal government to provide services that the Federal government would otherwise be obligated to provide due to the trust and treaty obligations of the United States; and

WHEREAS, self-determination and self-governance under the ISDEAA have led to a significant improvement in the daily lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the success of the ISDEAA prompted Congress in 2000 to establish permanent Tribal Self-Governance in the Indian Health Service (IHS) in Title V of the ISDEAA; and

WHEREAS, Title V authorizes participating Tribes to redesign IHS programs, and redirect funds supporting those programs, in any manner that the Tribes determine is in the best interest of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in Title VI of the ISDEAA, enacted in 2000, Congress envisioned expanding Self-Governance to include grant programs administered by other agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and

WHEREAS, in 2003, HHS issued a study concluding such an expansion was feasible and identifying eleven HHS programs that could be integrated into Self-Governance; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Senate considered legislation to authorize a demonstration project implementing Title VI, but that legislation was not enacted; and

WHEREAS, expansion of Self-Governance within HHS is the next logical step to promote tribal sovereignty improve health care services and has remained a top legislative priority of Tribes; and

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WHEREAS, Tribes have drafted legislation, modeled on the 2004 Senate bill, that would establish a demonstration project expanding Self-Governance to specified programs administered by non-IHS agencies within HHS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANHB and its members fully support the introduction and enactment of legislation establishing a demonstration project to implement Title VI of the ISDEAA.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Alaska Native Health Board by the full Board of Directors on the day of August, 2021 in Anchorage, AK.

Attested:

Andrew Jimmie, Chairman
Alaska Native Health Board

Verné Boerner, President/CEO
Alaska Native Health Board