



**GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL LEADERS HEALTH BOARD
RESOLUTION 2022-06**

- PURPOSE:** To approve supporting the legislation expanding Tribal Self-Governance in the Department of Health and Human Services
- 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

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 Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board supports the introduction and enactment of legislation establishing a demonstration project to implement Title VI of the ISDEAA.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by the Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board, (GPTLHB) Board of Directors through a duly convened meeting held at the March 10, 2022 Board of Director's Meeting held over Zoom by a vote of:

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MOTION CARRIED.



Roger Trudell
Chairman, GPTLHB
Chairman, Santee Sioux Tribe of NE

Date: 3/10/22



Victoria Kitcheyan
Chairwoman, GPTLHB
Chairwoman, Winnebago Tribe of NE

Date: 3/10/22