



**National Council of Urban Indian Health**

**Resolution**

**Support for Tribal Sovereignty and the Government-to-Government Relationship**

**WHEREAS** the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) is a national representative of forty-one (41) urban Indian organizations (UIOs) receiving grants under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) and the American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) they serve;

**WHEREAS** NCUIH was established in 1998 to support the development of quality, accessible, and culturally sensitive health care programs for AI/ANs living in urban communities;

**WHEREAS** UIOs were created in the 1950s by American Indians and Alaska Natives living in urban areas, with the support of Tribal leaders, to address severe problems with health, education, employment, and housing caused by the federal government's forced relocation policies;

**WHEREAS** under the IHCIA UIOs must have an American Indian and Alaska Native controlled Board of Directors and must provide for the maximum participation of American Indian and Alaska Native groups and individuals;

**WHEREAS** UIOs are Native organizations whose sole purpose is to serve American Indian and Alaska Native people;

**WHEREAS** UIOs provide high-quality, culturally competent healthcare to Tribal citizens residing in urban areas;

**WHEREAS** Tribes are sovereign nations;

**WHEREAS** Tribal sovereignty pre-dates the formation of the United States;

**WHEREAS** the United States has recognized Tribes as sovereign nations since its formation;





**WHEREAS** due to the status of Tribes as sovereign nations, a unique, government-to-government relationship exists between Tribes and the United States and this relationship is grounded in the U.S. Constitution, treaties, statutes, regulations, Federal case law, and Executive Orders;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCUIH supports and will continue to support Tribal sovereignty; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NCUIH supports and will continue to support the unique government-to-government relationship between Tribes and the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NCUIH supports and will continue to support federal laws, policies, and procedures that respect and uplift Tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCUIH until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

#### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was passed by the National Council of Urban Indian Health held on February 12, 2024, with a quorum present.

Handwritten signature of Sonya H. Tetnowski in black ink.

Sonya Tetnowski, President, NCUIH

#### ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Linda Son Stone in black ink.

Linda Son Stone, Board Secretary, NCUIH

