The American Indian Health Commission
Resolution #24-001

TITLE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD ADOPTING AND RECOMMENDING TO MEMBERS AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the purpose of the American Indian Health Commission (Commission) is to support and advocate for Tribal sovereignty and unmet Tribal needs and to improve the health and cultural well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives through collaborating, convening, advocacy, public education, technical assistance, program development and delivery, and resource sharing which may include financial support to Tribes, Urban Indian programs authorized under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and Indian health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the health and wellness of AI/AN populations is a primary goal of the Commission and is supported by activities designed to prevent and reduce adverse health conditions and health disparities in Tribal and Urban Indian communities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has a foundational history of providing leadership and collaborative work to develop and enhance partnerships with Tribal leaders, partners, and health leaders to address improve Tribal health; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is committed to addressing AI/AN population health disparities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Bylaws have not been updated since 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Board (Executive Committee) deemed it appropriate and in the best interest of the organization to amend the Bylaws to (1) better clarify and reflect the current operations of the Commission; and (2) be in alignment with the recently revised Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act; and

WHEREAS, the Delegates held a Delegates meeting on February 3, 2021 and reviewed a first draft of the Bylaws and made suggested edits; and

WHEREAS, the Board (Executive Committee) held a meeting on April 12, 2021 and made additional edits for review and approval by the Delegates; and

WHEREAS, the Board (Executive Committee) held a Board meeting on January 6, 2023 and reviewed and made additional edits and voted to recommend the Amended and Restated Bylaws to the delegates for a vote by the delegates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bylaws are amended and restated in their entirety to read as set forth in the Bylaws attached hereto as Exhibit A and adopted by the both the Board (Executive Committee) and the members of the Commission represented by their delegates at a meeting of the members of the Commission and at the meeting of the Board held on December 6, 2023. A quorum was present at both the Delegates and the Board meetings and a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meetings adopted the amendments; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the proper officers of the Commission are authorized and directed to make non-substantive edits to and execute and the Bylaws in the form and manner required by the Articles of Incorporation.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was introduced at the meeting of the American Indian Health Commission on December 6, 2023, with a quorum present.

Stephen Kutz, Commission Chair

Maureen Kinley, Commission Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: Amended and Restated Bylaws for the American Indian Health Commission