



## **SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD**

*Serving Tribes and Indian Organizations throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas since 1972*

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-3**

**PURPOSE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORTING NOMINATION OF DR. CHARLES W. GRIM FOR DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (SPTHB) since 1972 serves as a unified voice for health related interests of 43 federally recognized tribes situated in the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service region encompassing the states of Kansas, Oklahoma and a portion of Texas and;

**WHEREAS,** the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) is a key role for American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the federal government, and responsible for executing the IHS mission of raising the health status of AI/AN to the highest possible level; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Charles W. Grim, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, has served exemplary as IHS Director from 2002-2007, and has extensive experience with operation of large health systems, not only for IHS but also at the Tribal level; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Grim is a retired Assistant Surgeon General and Rear Admiral (upper half) in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Services (USPHS); and

**WHEREAS,** the IHS and Tribal governments will greatly benefit from the demonstrated leadership skills of Dr. Grim for Indian health.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board hereby supports nomination of Dr. Charles W. Grim for Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Voted on and affirmed this 17 day of January, 2016 with the following voting  
FOR: 6 and AGAINST: 0 and ABSTAIN: 0.

**ATTESTED BY:**

Mrs. Marty Wafford                      1-17-17

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Chair    Date

Mrs. Teresa Jackson                      1-17-17

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Vice-Chair                                      Date

Mr. Nicolas Barton                      1-17-17

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Secretary                                      Date

Mrs. Lisa Pivec                              1-17-17

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Treasurer                                      Date