



SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10

PURPOSE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF THE SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS

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.

WHEREAS, the SPTHB recognizes that American Indian people suffer greater health disparities than others living in Oklahoma. The top leading causes of death among Indians in Oklahoma are heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries and diabetes.

WHEREAS, Congress established the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in 1997 to address the growing epidemic of diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. This program has grown and become the nation's most strategic and effective federal initiative to combat diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the program has allowed Tribes to collect data and document that the investment is both saving lives and saving the federal healthcare system money. According to the United States Renal Data System, there has been a remarkable decline in diabetes incidence rates amount AI/ANs since 1998 that has resulted in a 29 percent decline, more than any other race, in prevalence rates of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) – a costly complication often linked with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the current SDPI authorization expires on September 30, 2017, and has not received an increase in funding since 2002; the program has effectively lost 23 percent in programmatic value over the last 12 years due to the lack of funding increases corresponding to inflation; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SPTHB supports the renewal for the SDPI for at least 5 years at \$200 million per year.

CERTIFICATION

Voted on and affirmed this _____ day of _____, 2016 with the following voting
FOR: _____ and AGAINST: _____ and ABSTAIN: _____.

ATTESTED BY:

Marty Wolff 4-11-17
Chair Date

[Signature] 4-11-17
Vice-Chair Date

Nick Barton 4-11-17
Secretary Date

[Signature] 4-11-17
Treasurer Date