

TRIBAL INTERIOR BUDGET COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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Title: Supporting the FY 2017 High Level Planning Target for the Bureau of Indian Affairs

WHEREAS, the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) was created to provide a forum and process, consistent with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Section 450 (a)1 and Executive Order 13175 and Department of the Interior's (DOI) Government to Government policy, whereby Tribes and the Department work together to develop policy and budgets that provide for 1) the DOI to fulfill its Trust responsibilities and Treaty obligations; and 2) the fulfillment of Tribes' inherent sovereign rights of self-determination, self-governance, and self-sufficiency, as well as securing levels of funding necessary to strengthen Tribal governmental capacity to serve their Tribal citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C. Section 13, and many other sections of law codify the obligations to American Indians, including the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. Sections 450 et seq. and the Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, and authorize Congress to appropriate funds to fulfill the fundamental trust responsibilities of the United States, and such acts do not have limitations within them; and

WHEREAS, these trust obligations of the United States to the Tribal Nations within its boundaries include, but are not limited to, supporting the 566 tribal governments, providing health care, education, housing, social welfare, law and order, transportation, responsibility for trust lands, and many other services; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental trust, treaty and statutory obligations of the United States to American Indians have never been fully fulfilled, and American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from great inadequacies and inequities in all aspects of those functions that are part of the overall trust, treaty and statutory obligations of the United States to American Indians, as has been continuously documented in many studies through the years; and

WHEREAS, the TIBC recognizes the support of the Appropriations Subcommittees in attempting to meet the needs in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, it is the TIBC's ultimate goal to meet the unmet obligations based on the treaty and trust responsibility, established recently at least at an additional \$1 billion beyond the FY 2015 President's budget level for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, recent budget proposals have attempted to begin to address these needs, including a requested 12 percent increase to BIA in fiscal year 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the leaders of the Tribal Nations attending the TIBC meeting in Washington, D.C, requests that Congress restore sequestration cuts to the tribal base; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tribal leadership urges that tribal programs are exempt from all future sequestration currently imposed by the Budget Control Act; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tribal leaders of the TIBC tribal caucus urge no cuts to tribal programs and also support the higher planning target level for FY 2017 of \$3.5 billion.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution came before the Tribal leader caucus attending the Tribal Interior Budget Council in Washington, D.C. on May 20, 2015 and was passed unanimously.



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