

National Indian Health Board



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National Indian Health Board Stands with Standing Rock

Scottsdale, AZ - The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Board of Directors signed a resolution in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation at the National Tribal Nations Health Conference on September 22, 2016.

The NIHB is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people. The prevention of harm to the health and well-being of Indian people is an essential aspect of the purpose of NIHB. The Board believes water is the foundation of all life on Earth and its preservation is essential to human survival.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has been engaged in a legal battle to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) from impacting its cultural, water, and natural resources. The Dakota Access Pipeline is a 1,168-mile long crude oil pipeline that will transport at least 570,000 barrels of oil each day from North Dakota to Illinois. The Army Corps of Engineers has not carefully analyzed the impact of an oil spill on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe or fully satisfied the National Historic Preservation Act, various environmental statutes, and its trust responsibility to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The pipeline has the potential to cause irreparable environmental damage for over one thousand miles and damage the water supply, health, and well-being of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation as well as thousands of others who depend on water resources in its path.

The National Indian Health Board has determined that it supports the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other Tribes in their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline. The NIHB, as the advocate for health of all 567 federally-recognized tribes, supports the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and opposes the Dakota Access Pipeline. The NIHB encourages its member organizations and Indian Tribes and Nations nationally to stand united against the Dakota Access Pipeline.



Founded in 1972, NIHB is a 501(c) 3 not for profit, charitable organization providing health care advocacy services, facilitating Tribal budget consultation and providing timely information, and other services to all Tribal governments. NIHB also conducts research, provides policy analysis, program assessment and development, national and regional meeting planning, training, technical assistance, program and project management. NIHB presents the Tribal perspective while monitoring, reporting on and responding to federal legislation and regulations. It also serves as conduit to open opportunities for the advancement of American Indian and Alaska Native health care with other national and international organizations, foundations corporations and others in its quest to build support for, and advance, Indian health care issues.

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