



April 7, 2017

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Tulalip Tribe  
Upper Skagit Tribe  
Yakama Indian Nation

President Donald Trump

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Support for Nomination of Dr. Charles W. Grim for Director of the Indian Health Service

Dear President Trump:

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a Public Law 93-638 Tribal organization that advocates on health care issues for the 43 federally-recognized tribes in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. I am writing to you as the Chairperson of NPAIHB. The purpose of this letter and the attached resolution is to demonstrate our strong support for nomination of Dr. Charles W. Grim as Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), Department of Health and Human Services.

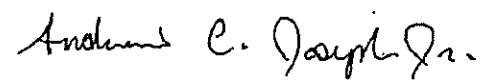
Dr. Grim, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, currently serves as the Deputy Director for Health Services for the Cherokee Nation. In this role he is the second line executive in charge of a health system that includes the Cherokee Nation 60 bed W.W. Hastings Hospital (CNWWH), eight outpatient health centers, an EMS service, finance and billing services, facilities management, Jack Brown Youth Regional Treatment Center and a host of public health and community health services and programs.

Although Dr. Grim is not from our area, Northwest tribes are very familiar with the work of Dr. Grim as Director of the IHS. The Director of the IHS is a key role for American Indian/Alaska Natives in the federal government, and responsible for executing the IHS mission of raising the health status of AI/AN to the highest possible level. Dr. Grim was appointed by President George W. Bush and received unanimous Senate confirmation as the Director of the IHS. Dr. Grim administered the nationwide multi-billion dollar health care delivery program from August 2002 until September 2007. Dr. Grim has a strong health management background and during a 26 year career with the IHS held numerous clinical, administrative and executive leadership positions within the Agency prior to being appointed its Director. Dr. Grim was exemplary in his role as IHS Director and is an excellent and experienced candidate for this important position.

It is the wish of the Northwest tribes that Dr. Grim be nominated to serve another term as IHS Director.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Joseph, Jr." in a cursive style.

Andy Joseph, Jr.  
Chairman, NPAIHB  
Colville Tribal Council

cc: NPAIHB Delegates  
Secretary Tom Price  
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs  
Congressman Mark Wayne Mullin





## RESOLUTION NO.: 17-03-04

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

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter "NPAIHB" or the "Board") was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is a "tribal organization" as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USCS § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; 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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board hereby supports nomination of Dr. Charles W. Grim for Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 17-03-04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 7, 2017.

*Andrew C. Joseph Jr.*

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Chairman

April 7, 2017  
Date

*Luz J. Abraham*  
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Secretary •