RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges Congress to ensure that the health care delivered by the Indian Health Service ("IHS") is exempt from government shutdowns and federal budget sequestrations on par with the exemptions provided to the Veterans Health Administration;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges Congress to enact advance appropriations legislation that would stabilize funding for IHS and provide funding that becomes available one year or more after the year of the appropriations act in which it is provided; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages and supports legislation that:

1. addresses threats to the health and well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native people who tend to live in the most geographically remote and medically underserved parts of the United States;
2. avoids short-term continuing resolutions to fund the IHS budget;
3. ameliorates the harmful effects of federal budget sequestrations on IHS;
4. contributes to the fulfillment of the United States’ historic and unique federal trust responsibility owed to Indian tribes; and
5. provides sufficient, consistent, and predictable funding to support the basic health care needs of American Indian and Alaska Native people.