

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 26

By: Taylor, Dunlap and Mickle
of the Senate

and

Adair, Morgan and Hilliard
of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to provide for more equitable funding for Indian Health Services in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is one of twelve service regions designated by the Indian Health Service for the delivery of federally funded health care services to Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma service region has a greater population of Native Americans than any other service region designated by the Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma service region has consistently received the lowest per capita funding by the Indian Health Service of any Service region; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma service region had Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) in contract health denials and deferrals in FY 2000; and

WHEREAS, the chronic underfunding of the Oklahoma region by the Indian Health Services endangers the ability of the government of the State of Oklahoma to fulfill its obligations with regard to the delivery of health care services to the citizens of this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. THAT The Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the United States Congress to

1. Take immediate action to correct the gross inequities of funding now existing between the various regions served by the Indian Health Service; and

2. Fund Indian Healthcare Improvement Act not less than Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for the Oklahoma area to be distributed by the Indian Health Services according to the Level of Need Funded methodology; and

3. Recognize the importance of Contract Health Services in fulfilling the mission of Indian Health Services and earmark not less than Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) in additional Contract Health Dollars for the Oklahoma Area.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of Oklahoma's Congressional delegation

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