

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING
5 CONGRESS TO RETAIN PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION OF THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT
6 ACT WHEN MAKING CHANGES TO THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

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8 WHEREAS, studies have shown that American Indians and Alaska Natives have a lower life expectancy
9 than other races and experience higher rates of many diseases, including diabetes and heart disease; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States entered into treaties and other agreements with Indian tribes that created
11 a trust responsibility to, among other things, provide for the health and well-being of Indian peoples in return for
12 land ceded by the tribes; and

13 WHEREAS, Congress passed the Snyder Act in 1921 to provide appropriations for health services to
14 tribes throughout the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Congress in 1976 enacted the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, declaring "it is the policy
16 of this Nation, in fulfillment of its special responsibilities and legal obligation to the American Indian people, to
17 meet the national goal of providing the highest possible health status to Indians and to provide existing Indian
18 health services with all resources necessary to effect that policy"; and

19 WHEREAS, Congress periodically revised and reauthorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
20 before permanently reauthorizing the act as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, in the face of current uncertainty over congressional action relating to the Patient Protection
22 and Affordable Care Act, retaining that law's permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement
23 Act is of significant importance to Montana's Indian tribes, tribal members, and the state of Montana.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
26 MONTANA:

27 (1) That in making any revisions to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, President Trump and
28 the United States Congress be urged to retain the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care
29 Improvement Act.

30 (2) That the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the



1 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United
2 States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, to each
3 member of the Montana Congressional Delegation, and to each tribal government located on the seven Montana
4 reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

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