

ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. HJ0008

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2017 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to uphold the federal trust responsibility to provide for the health care needs of American Indians.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution gives Congress the power to regulate commerce with American Indians; and

WHEREAS, treaties, court decisions and federal laws obligate the federal government to provide for the health care needs of American Indians; and

WHEREAS, Congress has determined that the current health of the American Indian population is below that of the general population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) reimburses one hundred percent (100%) of medical services for American Indians while requiring a substantial match by the state for other citizens in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, FMAP has recently resulted in additional annual federal revenue averaging three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to the state of Wyoming for the health care of American Indian citizens living in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, proposals regarding the Medicaid program are being considered in Congress that would place the federal trust responsibility and millions of dollars for health care for American Indians in Wyoming at risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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Section 1. The Wyoming State Legislature urges Congress to ensure that the federal government upholds the federal trust responsibility to provide for the health care needs of American Indians by continuing access to adequate Medicaid resources with one hundred percent (100%) federal coverage.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk