

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Federal responsibility for American Indian health care.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Allen and Senator(s) Meier

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

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

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

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

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

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

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6 WHEREAS, FMAP has recently resulted in additional annual
7 federal revenue averaging three million dollars
8 (\$3,000,000.00) to the state of Wyoming for the health care
9 of American Indian citizens living in Wyoming; and

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

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

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19 **Section 1.** The Wyoming State Legislature urges
20 Congress to ensure that the federal government upholds the
21 federal trust responsibility to provide for the health care
22 needs of American Indians by continuing access to adequate

1 Medicaid resources with one hundred percent (100%) federal
2 coverage.

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4 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
5 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
6 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
8 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
9 Delegation.

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