Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to share the final Indian Health Service (IHS) fiscal year (FY) 2019 Urban Indian Health Budget Report (FY 2019 Report).

The FY 2019 Report identifies the budgeted distribution of funds by the Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) and IHS Area Offices, including funds for program administration, information technology, initiatives promoting quality improvement, and contract and grant awards. The OUIHP Strategic Plan includes strategies to improve financial transparency and accountability regarding the Agency’s budget for Urban Indian health.¹ The FY 2019 Report furthers this goal of improving transparency and accountability of funds allocated to Urban Indian health. The FY 2019 Report also aligns with the IHS’s goal of improving communication with Urban Indian Organizations, stakeholders, and the general public.²

Please see the enclosure for the FY 2019 Report. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Weahkee, Ph.D., Acting Director, OUIHP, IHS, by telephone at (301) 480-3184 or by e-mail at rose.weahkee@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ IHS 2017–2021 Office of Urban Indian Health Programs Strategic Plan, Goal 2, Objective 2.2 (Sept. 6, 2016), available at https://www.ihs.gov/sites/urban/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/IndianHealthServiceOfficeofUrbanIndianHealthProgramsStrategicPlan.pdf.