

HEW Public Health Service P_T
John Spaan

April 11, 1967

Mrs. Johnnie Brannon, President
Tulsa Council of American Indians
419 South 69th East Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74112

Dear Mrs. Brannon:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Tulsa Council of American Indians' resolution of endorsement for Mr. John Spaan for the Executive Officer position in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Indian Health Division.

As you may know, we have also recommended Mr. Spaan for this position to every official associated with the Public Health Service who we thought might be helpful. We followed up with personal calls and visits when we learned that another assignment had been made prior to our recommendations and relayed each recommendation which we received to Dr. E. S. Rabeau who heads the Division of Indian Health. In recent correspondence with Dr. Rabeau, I was advised that a vacancy announcement has been re-issued and that each qualified applicant will be carefully considered. Dr. Rabeau also has assured me that it is the desire of the Division of Indian Health to fill this vacancy with an individual who is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the Oklahoma Indian and who has a deep interest in the Indian Health Program in our state.

I deeply appreciate having your endorsement. Please be assured that I will continue to do everything I can to help our Indian friends.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

A RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS, the Indians of Oklahoma are desirous of carrying out the theme so ably expressed by President Kennedy and also endorsed by President Johnson that the Indians of the entire nation shall be given more expression and self determination in their affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Tulsa Council of American Indians in regular monthly session on this 3rd day of April, 1967, are desirous of carrying this self determination principal into the Indian Health Program under the Public Health Service here in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the Oklahoma Indian Health Program under the heading of Executive Officer of the Indian Health Branch in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Spaan who is now employed in this Indian Health Program with 10 years of service to his credit has applied for this executive position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Tulsa Council of American Indians being aware of Mr. John Spaans qualifications and knowing of his desire to continue working with the health program among our Oklahoma Indians and wanting to keep his office as close to the people as possible do hereby endorse and recommend to the Indian Health Division of the Public Health Service that Mr. Spaan be placed in the above mentioned executive position in Oklahoma City.

This Resolution passed and approved at Tulsa, Oklahoma this 3rd day of April, 1967.

Mrs. Johnnie Brannon
President

ATTEST:

C. Mrs. J. Stas Cheney
Secretary