



ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, INC.

Tóhajiilee Band of Navajo * Jicarilla Apache Nation * Mescalero Apache Tribe
Ramah Band of Navajos * Southern Ute Indian Tribe * Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

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THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, INC. MOURNS THE LOSS OF MR. BENNIE J COHOE

It is with deep sadness that we share news of the passing of Mr. Bennie J. Cohoe, a member of the Ramah Band of Navajo and a founder of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc., on December 21, 2021.

Mr. Cohoe, a United States Marine Corp veteran, served our country during the Vietnam War. After an honorable discharge and returning to civilian life, he dedicated his efforts to become a staunch advocate for the health and wellness of those in the Ramah Navajo community as well as Native people throughout the southwest.

Mr. Cohoe's leadership spanned his local community of Ramah/Pinehill, the county of Cibola, the Navajo Nation, and the Albuquerque Area. His innovative and collaborative approach with other leaders in the Albuquerque Area founded the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. in 1977. Forty-four years later, AAIHB, Inc. continues to advocate on behalf of the American Indians through the delivery of quality health care services, which honor spiritual and cultural values.

We extend our condolences to Mr. Cohoe's family and the community of Ramah/Pinehill to which he was so deeply committed. Specifically, his sister, Ms. Beverly J. Coho, who currently serves on the AAIHB, Inc. Board of Directors, like her late brother, representing the Ramah Band of Navajo.

Business executive, Sheryl Sandberg proclaimed, "Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence" A true reflection of the contributions Mr. Bennie J. Cohoe has made to our organization and the tribal communities AAIHB serves today.

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