



Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Inc.

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THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, INC. MOURNS THE LOSS OF MS. FRANCILLA WHITESKUNK

It is with deep sadness that we share news of the passing of Ms. Francilla Whiteskunk, a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and a dedicated member of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. (AAIHB), on February 2, 2022.

Ms. Whiteskunk, was an AAIHB Board Member in the early 1990's while under the Administration of the (Late) Tribal Chairman Ernest House Sr. She moved on to a staff position with the HHS Intergovernmental Affairs Office in Washington, DC.

Ms. Whiteskunk's leadership spanned her local community, the Albuquerque Area, and beyond. Her contributions and commitment with other leaders in the Albuquerque Area sustained the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. through a remarkable period of growth and service delivery. Today, AAIHB, Inc. continues to advocate on behalf of American Indians through the delivery of quality health care services, which honor spiritual and cultural values.

We extend our condolences to Ms. Whiteskunk's family and the Ute Mountain Ute community to which she was so deeply committed. Specifically, her brother, Mr. Selwyn Whiteskunk, who currently serves on the AAIHB, Inc. Board of Directors, representing the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

Bill Gates once stated, "As we look ahead to the next century, leaders will be those who empower others". Ms. Whiteskunk was ahead of her time, always displaying this profound capacity to empower those within our organization, the tribal communities AAIHB serves, and beyond.

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