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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am pleased to write to you to share the *Director's Year 2 Accomplishments Report—2024*, which details the progress the Indian Health Service (IHS) has achieved in the past year. The enclosed report includes the milestones and progress we have attained collectively on behalf of the American Indians and Alaska Natives the Agency serves.

During my two years as director, I have taken to heart the Agency's mission to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. It has been of the utmost importance for me to meet and consult with the Tribal Nations and communities throughout Indian Country, to hear firsthand their experiences with—and expectations of—our Agency. The feedback has enriched my perspective of the leadership and innovation that our Tribal Nations lend toward solving formidable challenges, and served as inspiration in how I have directed my staff to approach and resolve our biggest challenges.

In the report, you will see the result of our collective efforts to take input from our communities and inform the work of a nationwide staff dedicated to advancing the well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The report is organized according to the Biden-Harris Administration's four-pillar strategy to advance Federal priorities through the end of 2024.

Among the many accomplishments, I am proud of our work to strengthen our support of Veterans, Tribal Nations, and Native-owned small businesses. In fiscal year (FY) 2024, the IHS signed a significant agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to increase reimbursements for Veteran care. We responded adeptly to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in June regarding contract support costs and are well underway at working with Tribal Nations to implement changes resulting from the decision. And once again, the IHS surpassed its already ambitious Buy Indian Act goals in FY 2024, awarding over \$550 million to Native American-owned and controlled businesses. These are just a few of the success stories included in the report.

It is an honor to serve as the 11th director of the Indian Health Service—the 17th largest health care system in the Nation—and I commend all of those who have helped make the significant accomplishments reflected in this report.

Sincerely,

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Director

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