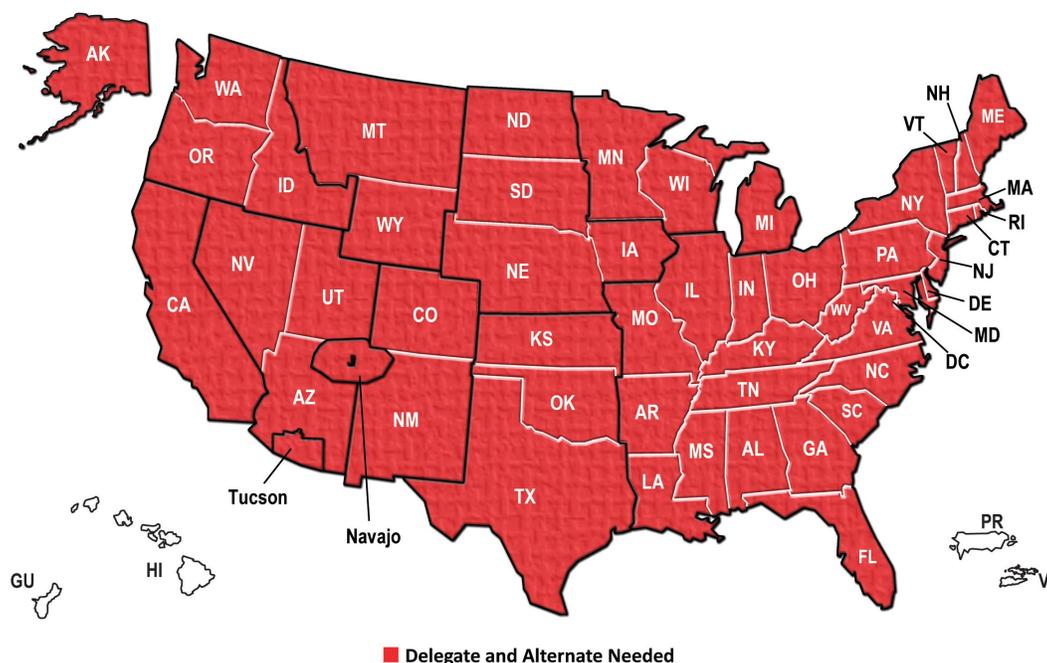# Nominations Being Accepted for the American Indian and Alaska Native Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC)

The American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC) was established by the Office of Minority Health in 2006 to serve as a tribal advisory committee to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). HRAC members have the opportunity to improve the health status of their communities by providing input and guidance on research policies, strategies, and programmatic issues affecting tribal communities. The HRAC works with tribal leaders to set priorities and make recommendations to HHS leadership. In addition, HRAC members receive updates on research findings and available federal programs from 9 HHS operating and staff divisions and then disseminate the information to their local communities.

The HRAC is made up of 16 delegates (and corresponding alternates), who are elected or appointed tribal officials representing each of the 12 Indian Health Service (IHS) areas and four national at-large delegates. Tribal delegates are responsible for participation in HRAC activities such as calls and meetings. Designated alternates may participate in HRAC meetings on behalf of the delegate when that member cannot attend. The HRAC has a call for nominations to fill seats with terms ending in June including National At-Large Member positions and the following IHS Areas.

■ Delegate and Alternate Needed

National At-Large Members: 2 Delegates and 4 Alternates Needed

Committee member roles and responsibilities:

- Participate on three, one-hour conference calls and one in-person meeting per year.
- Provide input on research priorities and needs.
- Share information and resources with tribes in your area.
- On occasion, attend national meetings and conferences to share information on research and to gather feedback from tribal leaders.

Nominations are due by **June 15, 2018** and must be signed by a tribal leader. For more information and how to apply, visit: https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/hrac/

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