

Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA)
Resolution in Support of Future Funding for “Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America”

Whereas, as part of the State of the Union address in February 2019, President Donald Trump announced a bold initiative to end HIV in the U.S. within 10 years by increasing HIV testing, treatment and prevention services, initially focused in those geographic areas most impacted by HIV, coordinated by multi-agencies of the federal government, and implemented by state and local governments along with community-based organizations;

Whereas, in order to accelerate the planning in preparation for rapid implementation, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) utilized existing resources from the Minority AIDS Fund and other programs to fund jurisdictions to develop Ending the Epidemic plans, initiate pilot projects, provide PrEP for the uninsured, increase testing and treatment in Native communities, develop research projects and provide workforce training assistance.

Whereas, in order to provide first year foundational support for the Ending the Epidemic, the President included \$291 million in his Fiscal Year 2020 budget. This included \$140 million in new funding for CDC HIV prevention programs, \$70 million in new funding for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, \$50 million to the Bureau of Primary Health Care to provide Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for those at risk of HIV; \$25 million in new funding to the Indian Health Service for HIV and hepatitis C testing; and \$6 million for the NIH Centers for AIDS Research;

Whereas, support for the Ending the Epidemic initiative has enjoyed widespread bipartisan support in the Congress, and first year resources have been proposed, but not yet finalized, in both the House of Representatives and the Senate’s Fiscal Year 2020 spending bills;

Whereas, if we are to attain the goals of a 75 percent reduction of HIV in the U.S. in 5 years, and a 90 percent reduction in 10 years by scaling up the diagnosis of HIV, treatment, prevention, including the use of PrEP, the creation of a HIV HealthForce to assist local jurisdictions on the ground, and to overcome the obstacles identified by community and state and local government representatives since the program was announced, jurisdictions will need a substantial increase of resources not only for Fiscal Year 2021 but in future years;

Therefore, be it resolved that PACHA urges the Secretary of Health and Human Services to continue to work with the Congress and the Office of Management and Budget to ensure that first year funding for the initiative is finalized in a timely fashion so that grant awards by the various agencies can be distributed to Ending the Epidemic grantees as scheduled;

Be it further resolved that we urge the Secretary to work with the Office of Management and Budget to ensure that the President’s budget for Fiscal Year 2021 contains the necessary resources to implement year two of the Ending the Epidemic initiative by providing substantial

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increased resources to each of the agencies, programs, and communities implementing the initiative;

Be it further resolved that we urge the Secretary to work with the Office of Management and Budget to ensure there are no proposed cuts to programs such as the Housing and Urban Development's Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and other federal government programs that impact the success of meeting the goals of the Ending the Epidemic initiative.