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**RESOLUTION NO.: 20-03-04**

**“SUPPORT GRANT SUBMISSION TO CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION BOLD PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS”, NATIVE ELDERS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter “NPAIHB” or the “Board”) was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB is a “tribal organization” as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USCS § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, AI/AN elders are at a higher threat for Alzheimer’s / Dementia and between 2012 and 2050, the number of AI/ANs aged ≥ 65 years will increase by nearly four-times,

**WHEREAS**, AI/ANs have a disproportionate burden of many established modifiable risk factors for dementia, including diabetes, obesity, depression, tobacco use, binge drinking, and traumatic brain injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have reported that cardiovascular risk factors are associated with 50-60% higher risk of dementia in US; and

**WHEREAS**, once diagnosed with dementia, these same risk factors may influence its progression

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have issued a request for applications for CDC-RFA-DP20-2004 and is titled: BOLD Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias; and

**WHEREAS**, identifying and addressing modifiable risk factors could substantially reduce the burden of dementia on the health care systems serving AI/AN’s.

**WHEREAS**, The Western Tribal Diabetes Project and the Northwest Tribal Comprehensive Cancer Project currently address resources and prevention in chronic disease risk factors in our tribal communities, and has the experience and capacity to carry out activities of the proposed BOLD Public Health project: work with the NPAIHB elders committee to establish and support an advisory committee, develop a strategic plan; build on partnerships; promote capacity building at the tribal level;

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB to support the development and implementation of resources, training and dissemination for Alzheimer's and dementia awareness,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NPAIHB approves a submission of a grant application to the CDC to request funding for Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.

**NO. 20-03-04**

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on May 22, 2020.

  
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Chairman

May 22, 2020  
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Date

  
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Secretary

Ratified on June 5, 2020 at NPAIHB Virtual Quarterly Board meeting