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**Resolution #09-02-05
Support for the NW Tribal Suicide Action Plan**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), a tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents forty-three Federally-recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho on health related issues; 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, data suggest that suicide is a significant problem throughout Indian Country, particularly among Native youth, males, veterans, and elders; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native youth age 15-24 continue to have the highest suicide death rate in the U.S. (at 18.7 cases per 100,000, compared to 10.7 per 100,000 for White youth and 7.1 for Black youth). Tragically, in 2005 suicide was the second leading cause of death for AI/AN youth in that age range; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Area has one of the higher suicide death rates for AI/AN among the IHS service areas. IHS reports that, from 1996-1998, the age-adjusted suicide death rate for the Portland Area was 22.0 per 100,000, a rate that was behind only Aberdeen, Alaska, Bemidji, and Tucson.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorse and encourage the adoption of the 2009-2013 Northwest Suicide Prevention Tribal Action Plan among its member tribes. The Suicide Action Plan is the product of a collaborative, intertribal, year-long planning process initiated by members of the NW Suicide Prevention Team. The mission of the five-year plan is to reduce suicide rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives living in the Pacific Northwest by increasing tribal capacity and improving collaboration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2009-2013 Northwest Suicide Prevention Tribal Action Plan be actively used by members of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board to guide program planning, support community outreach efforts, and foster a coordinated response to suicide in our tribal communities.

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CERTIFICATION

NO. 09-02-05

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 31 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on January 22, 2008~~9~~

Frank Hall
Chairman

1-22-09
Date

Stella M. Washines
Secretary