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RESOLUTION #04-03-05

**Support for the Federal Grant application entitled "Cancer
Prevention and Education for Native American Youth"**

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, and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people, and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes, and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB's strategic plan includes as one of its objectives to develop regional and national networks to address priority areas of health promotion and disease prevention including cancer, prevention of tobacco use, women's health, injury prevention, and others, and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB operates the Northwest Tribal Cancer Control Project with the following as goals: (1) Facilitate a process for Northwest tribes to promote cancer risk reduction strategies; (2) Provide information on the most current early detection, screening and treatment practices through education and resource materials; (3) Provide education regarding quality of life for cancer patients, their families and caretakers; (4) Coordinate and collaborate with local and national cancer organizations and individuals; and, to Improve Indian-specific cancer control data, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State University and the NPAIHB are proposing to collaborate on a Federal grant that meets with the goals of both the Board's Strategic Plan and the Northwest Tribal Cancer Control Project to address the recruitment and involvement of Native American youth in a summer camp with specific goals of education and prevention of cancer, and to further involve the students' home communities through the development and implementation of projects related to these goals during the school year after the students return from summer camp, and

WHEREAS, an objective of the proposed project would be to expose targeted American Indian students into future careers in science and health care that would relate to the area of cancer, and

WHEREAS, it is well-established that there is a lack of sufficient health care providers who share the same ethnic background as the population represented by the NPAIHB and that it is desirable to work towards increasing the number of such health care providers to offer services to the tribes, and

WHEREAS, a further objective of the summer session will be to equip the students with the study skills and organizational abilities that will assist them to be successful in the high school and college courses they will need to take to enter these types of fields.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the Washington State University Youth Summer Camp to recruit American Indian and Alaska Native youth into cancer related health professions.

NOW BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the collaboration of Washington State University and the Northwest Cancer Control Project in the development of the Federal Grant entitled "Cancer Prevention and Education for Native American Youth."

CERTIFICATION

NO. 04-03-05

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 26 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 22, 2004.

Pearl Capelman-Balles
Chairman

April 22, 2004
Date

Stella M. Whistler
Secretary