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RESOLUTION #04-04-04

Support for National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health

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 NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, NPAIHB established the Women's Health Promotion Program (WHPP) to promote routine American Indian and Alaska Native women's health checks in a collaborative effort that makes resources available, especially for Native women with inadequate resources for screening, and provides training and technical assistance to Oregon tribes as they carry out activities to increase the number of Native women who are screened for breast and cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, the WHPP promotes routine women's health checks in a collaborative effort and has continued to develop and implement many useful and innovative projects, trainings and technical assistance to improve the health and quality of life of Northwest Native women; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the WHPP are currently supported through funding provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which funds a grant program for breast and cervical cancer mortality prevention; and

WHEREAS, the WHPP has organized a Coalition, comprised of Northwest representatives that meet two times per year to develop and implement a comprehensive four-year plan, and oversee WHPP activities, and lead screening efforts in their tribal communities.

WHEREAS, the Office of Public Health and Sciences through their Office of Women's Health has announced a funding opportunity entitled, "National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health (CCOE) Program," in order to promote women's health programs to integrate, coordinate, and strengthen linkages of existing services that are already underway in communities; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of the CCOE program are consistent with the strategic plan of the NPAIHB and the WHPP's comprehensive plan and will support ongoing activities of the project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB supports an effort by staff of the WHPP, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to apply for a grant from the Office of Public Health and Science to establish a Community Center of Excellence in Women's Health.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 04-04-04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 30 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on July 22, 2004.

Franc Capaeman-Balls
Chairman

July 22, 2004
Date

Stella M. Washina
Secretary