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RESOLUTION #03-02-01

**Support for an Increase for the FY 2003 IHS Budget that Funds
Mandatory Costs Increases and Addresses Health Disparities**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), a tribal organization founded in 1972, represents forty-three Federally-recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho on health related issues; 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 NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, the cost of health care is 4 or 5 times the rate of inflation and the increase for the NPAIHB's health insurance was 21% in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has yet to pass a FY 2003 budget even though the FY 2004 budget will be requested by President George Bush in four weeks; and

WHEREAS, the President's request for the Indian Health Service (IHS) includes an increase of only \$68 million or 2%; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recommended increase for the IHS includes an increase of only \$131 million or 2.5%; and

WHEREAS, the Senate recommended increase for the IHS includes an increase of only \$78 million or 2.3%; and

WHEREAS, the IHS budget does not account for population growth or inflation and other mandatory costs that total \$319 million; and

WHEREAS, the IHS faces many required cost increases related to the personnel pay act, the cost of staffing new facilities and the costs of funding newly recognized tribes; and

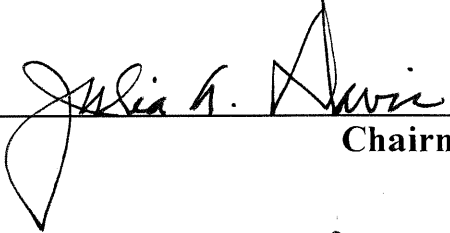
WHEREAS, in recent years funding provided to the IHS for health care for Indian people has been inadequate to meet costs increases associated with inflation and population growth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB strongly supports a \$319 million increase in funding of the IHS for FY 2003 to fairly reflect mandatory costs increases and provide program expansion necessary to reduce health disparities.

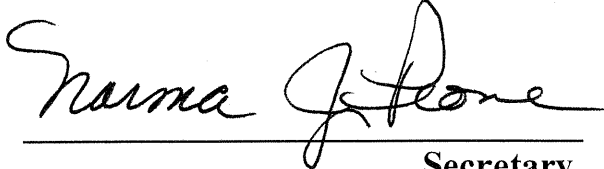
CERTIFICATION

NO. 03-02-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 35 for, _____ against, _____ abstain on January 16, ~~2002~~. 2003



Chairman



Secretary

January 16, 2003
Date