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**RESOLUTION #03-02-02**

**Support for NIH Funding for a Northwest Tribal Vision Project**

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

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of the Board is to improve the health and quality of life for its member tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has delegated the responsibility of providing timely and useful health data to the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center; and

**WHEREAS**, a Northwest Tribal Vision Project will be undertaken to identify the prevalence of eye disorders among Northwest American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN); and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of blindness in patients aged 20-64 years and glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness overall; and

**WHEREAS**, it is known that diabetes and smoking are more prevalent in AI/AN communities compared to other races, and are increasing at high rates; and

**WHEREAS**, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy are treatable eye diseases that cause significant morbidity; and

**WHEREAS**, a targeted screening program will then be developed based on the prevalence of eye disease.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NPAIHB hereby approves a surveillance study to identify the prevalence of eye disorders.

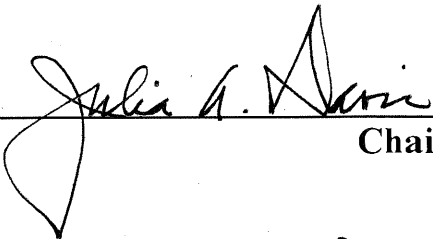
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NPAIHB authorizes the Native American Research Center for Health to seek additional funds from the National Eye Institute to fund a Northwest Tribal Vision Project.

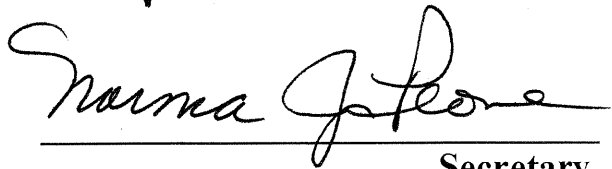
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NPAIHB encourages tribes to fully participate in the successful formulation of screening programs involving their respective local communities through a proposed tribal vision project.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 03-02-02

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

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary

January 16, 2003  
Date