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Resolution #03-02-03

**Support for NPAIHB EpiCenter Data Linkage with Cancer
Registries of Oregon, Washington and Idaho**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), a tribal organization founded in 1972, represents forty-two 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, the establishment of the EpiCenter has provided the ability for the NPAIHB to complete projects to improve health data for Northwest tribes; and

WHEREAS, the EpiCenter and the IHS National Epidemiology Program and the cancer registries of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will collaborate in a linkage of national IHS patient registration data with data from the 3 registries to identify Native Americans in the registries who are incorrectly identified as non-Native; and

WHEREAS, these linkages will take place in Portland at the NPAIHB EpiCenter; and

WHEREAS, a similar linkage is occurring in other states where cancer registries will be updated with more accurate information on cancer in their Native populations and a gap of accurate information in the Northwest Native populations would lead to an incomplete national profile of cancer in Native Americans in the US; and

WHEREAS, the correct identification of AI/AN in these state cancer registries is essential for advocating for support for cancer prevention and treatment activities for Northwest tribes; and

WHEREAS, previous research by the NPAIHB EpiCenter has shown that morbidity and mortality data for Northwest AI/AN is under-reported due primarily to misclassification of race on cancer registry death records; and

WHEREAS, the pilot project approved by NPAIHB and completed by the EpiCenter linking IHS data with cancer registries did not include updating the race information in the registries and only included data from IHS Portland Area; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB EpiCenter, the IHS National Epidemiology Program and the cancer registries of Oregon, Washington and Idaho take adequate measures to insure the physical security of data and have policies in place to control access to and release of data; and

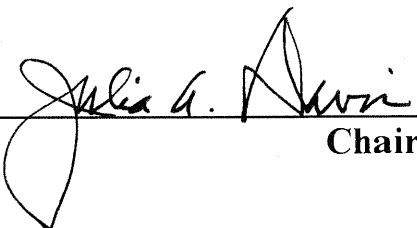
WHEREAS, any publications presenting the results of these linkages will only be done in collaboration with and by approval of the NPAIHB and the NPAIHB EpiCenter, the state cancer registries and the IHS National Epidemiology Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB recommends that results of the NPAIHB EpiCenter linkage with the state cancer registries of Oregon, Washington and Idaho be used to update the data in these cancer registries such that they can more accurately report on cancer trends in AI/AN in the Northwest.

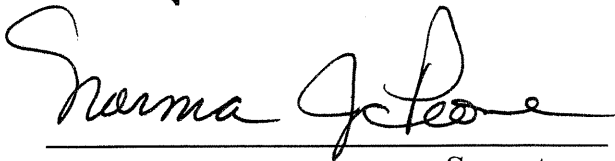
CERTIFICATION

NO. 03-02-03

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