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RESOLUTION #03-02-06

**Support for the Establishment of an American Indian and
Alaska Native Desk within the Department of Homeland Security**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents forty-three Federally-recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people in the Northwest; 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 107th Congress passed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security that was signed into law by President Bush on November 25th, 2002; and

WHEREAS, American Indian reservations possess lands and facilities that could be suspect to terrorist activities, as well as manage health care facilities that would provide emergency services in times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the final language of the Department of Homeland Security legislation included Tribal governments, but treats them as local governments in a manner similar to the Stafford Act and requires tribes to apply for assistance through the Governor of the State in which the tribe is located; and

WHEREAS, American Indian tribes need to be included in the national Homeland Security strategy in a manner consistent with the government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Amendments to the Homeland Security Act will be considered by Congress; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an American Indian and Alaska Native desk within the Department of Homeland Security would provide for the Department to facilitate its role for tribal consultation and allow for tribal participation in developing the national Homeland Security Strategy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB recommends and supports the establishment of an American Indian and Alaska Native desk within the Department of Homeland Security to allow tribal governments and organizations to be included in the strategy to develop the national Homeland Security strategy, to allow tribal governments to collaborate and pool resources for homeland security activities through consortiums, and to provide a mechanism for direct funding to tribal governments for homeland security activities.

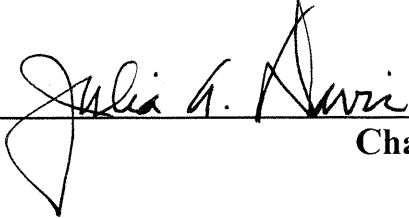
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that amendments to the Homeland Security Act provide funding directly to tribal governments to address the security and public health needs required for homeland security.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that amendments to the Homeland Security Act should provide appropriate insurance and liability protections for Indian health personnel who participate in immunization and other public health activities related to homeland security, both in their role as employees and as volunteers.

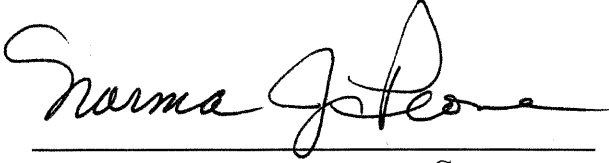
CERTIFICATION

NO. 03-02-06

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