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RESOLUTION #05-01-03
**Support for CDC Grant Application to address Structural
Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS**

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

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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is currently soliciting a request for proposals (RFA-AA-05-003) which requests research on the effectiveness of structural interventions that reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use; and

WHEREAS, HIV is the virus that causes AIDS, and poses a potentially devastating threat to the health and well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native people; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recently reported that approximately 2,527 American Indian and Alaska Native people are now living with the HIV or AIDS epidemic and it is widely believed that this number is highly under-reported; and

WHEREAS, a relationship has been documented between alcohol use and HIV/AIDS risk among youth, though little is known about this environmental influence on AIDS transmission among NW Tribal adolescents;

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB through its Project Red Talon has the experience needed to evaluate "structural" changes that can impact alcohol-related HIV/AIDS risk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NPAIHB supports the submission of a proposal to conduct HIV/AIDS Structural Intervention Research to build upon the existing program that the Project Red Talon has developed.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 05.01.03

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 28 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on Oct. 21, 2004.

Reuel Copeman Baker

Chairman

October 21, 2004

Date

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Secretary