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RESOLUTION # 05-02-01

**Supporting Washington State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Funding for Encounter Rate Payments**

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 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, in 1998 the Health Care Financing Administration (now Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) issued a policy guidance implementing the "one facility, one rate policy," which clarifies that a state that chooses to reimburse tribal health facilities at the encounter rate must pay the same rate for services provided to all Medicaid beneficiaries, whether Native or non-Native; and

WHEREAS, in contradiction of this federal policy, the Washington State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) currently does not reimburse tribal facilities at 100% FMAP for services provided to non-Native Medicaid beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, at an August 18, 2004, consultation meeting between tribal governments and DSHS, Secretary Braddock committed to seeking additional funding to support the full reimbursement at the encounter rate for alcohol and substance abuse services provided to non-Native Medicaid beneficiaries by tribal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the decision to seek this funding is needed to ensure compliance with the "one facility, one rate policy" and to ensure continued access to care for native and non-Native patients served by tribal facilities; and

WHEREAS, serving non-Natives has allowed tribes to increase and improve services to tribal members and to construct badly-needed health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, non-Natives currently receiving alcohol and substance abuse treatment services from tribal facilities may not have the ability to seek substitute

CERTIFICATION

NO. 05-02-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 27 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on January 20th, 2005.

Reuel Capuman-Bally
Chairman

January 20, 2005
Date

Stella M. Washburn
Secretary