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RESOLUTION # 05-03-05

**Support for a Child Safety Seat Project in
Northwest Tribal Communities**

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 on health related issues; 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, recent statistics indicate that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native children; and

WHEREAS, a recent motor vehicle study in six Northwest tribal communities indicated that the majority (71%) of American Indian children under the age of 8 years were not wearing seatbelts or were improperly restrained; and

WHEREAS, the same motor vehicle study revealed that adult drivers in these tribal communities were commonly unaware of the laws regarding child safety seats and were interested in obtaining more information and training on the use of child safety seats; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NPAIHB is to assist Northwest tribes to improve their health status and quality of life and reducing injuries as a result of motor vehicle accidents is consistent with this mission; and

Take Out **WHEREAS**, the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities has issued a request for proposal to support intervention research on health disparities that are jointly conducted by communities and researchers and is an appropriate funding source to support an American Indian and Alaska Native child restraint intervention project; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy People 2010 injury prevention goals promote the widespread and consistent use of child safety seats and is consistent with the development of an American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) child restraint intervention project; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB has organized a research team that includes the Oregon Health Sciences University, Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, and the Harborview Injury Prevention Center at University of Washington that propose the development of an AI/AN child restraint intervention project; and

WHEREAS, the research team will use a community based participatory research model to plan, implement, and evaluate child safety seat interventions in 6 Northwest Tribal communities with the outcome of eliminating barriers and increasing knowledge of child safety seat use that will result in sustained increases of child safety seat use.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board support the submission of a grant application to the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities in order to fund an AI/AN child restraint intervention project.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 05-03-05

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 29 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 21st, 2005.

Ronald Capoenar-Baker
Chairman

April 21, 2005
Date

Stella M. Washines
Secretary