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RESOLUTION# 05-04-14

Support for Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH)

**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**, in furtherance of this goal in 1997, NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (The EpiCenter) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native epidemiology data; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center has gained national recognition for developing and implementing many useful and innovative projects to improve the health and quality of life of Northwest tribes and has served as a national model for other IHS Areas to emulate in establishing their EpiCenter programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of the EpiCenter is currently supported through funding provided by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) through an initiative entitled Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH); and

**WHEREAS**, the NARCH program has allowed tribes to develop opportunities for conducting research responsive to the needs of tribal communities and to assist in developing a talent pool of American Indian and Alaska Native researchers that are significantly under represented in the field of health research and at universities conducting research; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Health Service (IHS) national Epidemiology Coordinating center located in Albuquerque, NM has encouraged the Northwest EpiCenter to pursue funding to continue summer institute training programs through the NARCH mechanism.; and

**WHEREAS**, the NARCH project will also include a community-participatory research approach to develop community interventions to increase child safety seat use in order for Northwest Tribes to design effective childhood injury

prevention programs that will address the unique needs of individual communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of this funding initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and the EpiCenter.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the Northwest EpiCenter to pursue NARCH funding to support a Summer Institute Training Program and the Community Interventions to Increase Child Safety Seat use.

**CERTIFICATION**

**NO. 05-04-14**

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Executive Committee of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 3 for, 0 against, 2 abstain on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Ream Capaman-Bell  
Chairman

8/12/2005  
Date

Stella M. Westines  
Secretary