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RESOLUTION# 05-04-15

**Support for IHS Tribal Planning Grant to Evaluate  
the EpiCenter Program and Services**

**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**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board works to strengthen and improve the delivery of health services to Indian communities throughout the Northwest and in furtherance of this goal 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 was established in 1996 and 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 mission of the EpiCenter is to provide health-related research, surveillance, and training to improve the quality of life for Northwest American Indians and Alaskan Natives with the following objectives: (1) Provide technical support to all of the EpiCenter projects and continue to support the EpiCenter; (2) Develop and facilitate inter-agency, state/tribal, university relationships and collaborations; (3) Provide direct technical support to tribes, and (4) Position the EpiCenter for upcoming years; and

**WHEREAS**, the EpiCenter has developed a number of different programs and technical support services over the past nine years in order to meet its objectives and it is now time to evaluate the effectiveness of the EpiCenter's goals and objectives, programs, and services in meeting the needs of Northwest Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, a Tribal Planning Grant will allow the EpiCenter to plan for the evaluation of its programs and services in order to more clearly define the purpose of the EpiCenter and to establish realistic goals and objectives consistent with its mission that will improve its capacity to better provide programs and services to

Northwest Tribes and that will allow it to continue to serve as a national model to other Tribal EpiCenters throughout Indian Country; 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 submission of an IHS Tribal Planning Grant to evaluate the EpiCenter programs and services in order to improve its capacity to better serve Northwest Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 05-04-15

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Reane Capaman-Bell  
Chairman

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Date

Stella M. Washines  
Secretary