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**RESOLUTION #06-01-01**

**Addressing Sexually Transmitted Diseases  
In the American Indian / Alaska Native Population**

**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**, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations have disproportionately high rates of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) compared to whites and are almost six times as likely to have chlamydia, four times as likely to have gonorrhea, and twice as likely to have syphilis; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility to prevent and control STDs in AI/AN communities is shared among multiple agencies including state STD programs, tribes, the Indian Health Service (IHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with inconsistent collaboration amongst these various agencies has hampered public health efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSDD) currently desires to contract with a qualified individual or agency to address sexually transmitted diseases (STD) among the American Indian / Alaska Native population by improving collaboration and coordination of STD prevention and control efforts in AI/AN communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the NCSDD strengthens state STD programs by advocating for effective policies, strategies, and sufficient resources and by increasing awareness of the medical and social impact of STDs; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Red Talon and the NPAIHB could provide necessary leadership and guidance to unite state STD programs, tribes, IHS, and CDC to collaboratively confront the challenge of reducing STDs in AI/AN communities, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the *NCSDD - Addressing Sexually Transmitted Diseases In the American Indian / Alaska Native Population* bid proposal to be submitted by Project Red Talon.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-01-01

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 October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005.

Rene Capaman-Ross  
Chairman

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005  
Date

Stella M. Washines  
Secretary