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RESOLUTION # 06-02-01
**Support for a collaboration between the Northwest Tribal
Epidemiology Center and the Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology
Center to replicate the NPAIHB HITS Project**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), a tribal organization founded in 1972, 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 Board is to improve the health and quality of life for its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (The Epicenter) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) epidemiology data; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Tribes have delegated the responsibility of providing timely and useful health data to the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center; and

WHEREAS, it is known that AI/AN populations have disproportionately high rates of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board response to the high rates of STDs and HIV among AI/AN communities in the Northwest was the development of Project Red Talon; and

WHEREAS, Project Red Talon conducted an HIV testing survey (HITS) project to assess the knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs of AI/AN populations at high risk for STDs and HIV in the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the success of the HITS project, the Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center, Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, Rapid City, South Dakota is requesting to replicate the project in the Northern Plains; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center is requesting to partner with the Northwest Portland Epidemiology Center and Project Red Talon to utilize their existing expertise and experience.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board hereby approves the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center to work collaboratively with the Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center to share materials and approaches and provide technical assistance in conducting the Northern Plains HIV Testing Survey project.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-02-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 25 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on January 19th, 2006.

Linda Hill
Chairman

1/19/2006
Date

Stella M. Washines
Secretary