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**RESOLUTION # 06-02-02
Support for Tooth Decay Prevention by Appropriate Food/Drink
Choices for Tribal Toddlers, A Dental Ancillary Study (DAS)**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), 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 NPAIHB 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's Prevention of Toddler Overweight and Tooth Decay Study (PTOTS) is currently supported through funding provided by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) through an initiative entitled Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) and the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI); and

WHEREAS, the TOTS preliminary dental data suggests a high morbidity and low access to dental care in American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and

WHEREAS, the EpiCenter PTOTS program has determined that an ancillary dental study addressing the high morbidity and low access to dental care issues will complement the existing design of its NHLBI project and the NHLBI allows submission for ancillary study proposals; and

WHEREAS, a successful proposal for this NIDCR funding will provide an opportunity to implement community toddler dental screenings in the existing PTOTS tribal 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 and TOTS; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorses and supports the PTOTS program and the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director and with the assistance of other staff, to develop a grant application to NIDCR to fund the study of Tooth Decay Prevention by Appropriate Food/Drink Choices for Tribal Toddlers.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-02-02

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. Washner
Secretary