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RESOLUTION # 06-02-03
Support for Childhood Injury Prevention Program (CHIPP)
on Northwest Indian Reservations

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 PTOTS program proposes to build on its study design and methods of the PTOTS programs so that all Tribes will be able to receive interventions (Obesity prevention and Injury Prevention); and

WHEREAS, the existing funding from NHLBI provides intervention for only three sites and the other three sites serve as the control tribes participating tribes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant proposal will provide alternative Injury Prevention interventions for the three tribes that were selected as PTOTS control communities; and

WHEREAS, this proposed injury prevention study will complement the existing design of the NHLBI study, PTOTS; and

WHEREAS, a successful proposal for this NIH funding will provide an opportunity to implement a culturally appropriate injury prevention intervention study 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 PTOTS program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorses and supports an effort by 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 NIH to request funding for the study of Childhood Injury Prevention Program (CHIP) in Northwest Indian Reservations.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-02-03

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