



RESOLUTION# 06-03-01

Support for the Renewal Application for the Northwest EpiCenter

NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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Lower Umpqua Tribe
Coquille Tribe
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Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
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Spokane Tribe
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Upper Skagit Tribe
Warm Springs Tribe
Yakama Nation

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, 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 Indian Health Service (IHS) Division Of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention Epidemiology Program has announced the competing renewal grant application which provides the primary source of funding for the EpiCenter with the application deadline of June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program is to develop and support Tribal Epidemiology Centers and public health infrastructure through the augmentation of existing programs with expertise in epidemiology and a history of regional support; and

WHEREAS, the activities will include surveillance for disease conditions; epidemiologic analysis, interpretation, and dissemination of surveillance data; investigation of disease outbreaks; developments and implementation of epidemiologic studies; development and implementation of disease control and prevention programs; and coordination of activities of other public health authorities in the region; and

WHEREAS, the objectives and purpose of this funding opportunity are consistent with the mission and goals of the Board and the EpiCenter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorses and support an effort by staff of the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director and with the assistance of other NPAIHB staff, to apply for renewal funding from the IHS to support the work of the Northwest EpiCenter.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-03-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 34 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 20th, 2006.

Linda Hill
Chairman

April 21st, 2006
Date

Stella M. Washines
Secretary