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RESOLUTION # 06-03-02

**Support Development of a Health Policy Research Project
Evaluating the Impact of Medicaid and Medicare
Policy Changes on the Indian Health System**

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 NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, the American health care system is foregoing a significant reform effort to curtail the rapidly rising costs of health care that will result in changes that will have a dramatic effect on the ability of American Indian and Alaska Native people to seek health care from both, the Indian Health system, and mainstream America; and

WHEREAS, many of these reform efforts will have a significant impact on the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribally-operated programs ability to seek third party collections from Medicaid and Medicare; and

WHEREAS, there is a tremendous need to document these changes with data so that Tribal health advocates can present the outcomes of these policy decisions in order to develop and support administrative and/or legislative changes that will increase health services for American Indian and Alaska Native people; and

WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) has announced their Health Policy Research program with funding that supports broad studies of research in order to expand understanding of health policy, health care services, and health financing that can be used to support health care reform and improve the quality of health care for Americans; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity is consistent with the goals of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and will work to advance issues taken on by the Policy Analyst and Legislative and Resolutions Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board has submitted a letter of intent to the RWJ to research the impacts of Medicaid and Medicare policy changes on Tribal health care systems; and if selected will be invited to submit a proposal supporting the health policy research effort.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorses and supports an effort to conduct a health policy research project that explores the impact of Medicaid and Medicare policy changes on the Indian health system.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-03-02

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