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RESOLUTION # 06-03-03

Support the Development of a Teen Suicide Prevention Project in Northwest Native Communities

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 and is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people in the Northwest, 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, American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest rate of suicide of all ethnic groups in the United States – 14.8% per 100,000 – with the rates in certain parts of Indian Country significantly higher; and

WHEREAS, the Portland IHS Service Area reported one of the highest suicide death rates for Natives living in the Northwest (22.8 per 100,000), a figure that is over twice that of all US Races and the 5th highest rate reported by the 12 IHS Service Areas, and

WHEREAS, intentional self harm (suicide) ranks as the second leading cause of death for Native youth age 15-24, with males accounting for nearly 64% of all Native suicides, and

WHEREAS, violence and intentional self harm are known to cluster in rural communities if not appropriately addressed by the local community, and

WHEREAS, cyclical patterns of abuse, family violence, and thoughts of self-harm can leave lasting scars on multiple generations, and are known to significantly contribute to future challenges surrounding physical, mental and spiritual health, substance abuse, and concepts of self-worth, and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced funding for state-sponsored Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Programs (“State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grants”) which are authorized under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act; and

WHEREAS, the State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant Program is designed to build on the foundation of prior suicide prevention efforts and support states and Tribes in developing and implementing statewide tribal youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the efforts of the Board to work collaboratively with Northwest Tribes to develop a project to address teen suicide prevention and intervention strategies in Northwest Tribal communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports staff efforts to acquire applicable and external funding for the development of such a prevention and intervention strategy project.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-03-03

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

Linda Hill
Chairman

April 21st, 2006
Date

Stella M. Washines
Secretary