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Upper Skagit Tribe
Warm Springs Tribe
Yakama Nation

RESOLUTION # 06-03-06

**Support for a Needs Assessment to identify health services and opportunities
for collaboration under the VA-IHS Memorandum of Understanding**

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 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, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) has passed previous resolutions supporting access to health care services provided to American Indian and Alaska Native veterans through the Indian Health Service (IHS) and/or the Veterans Administration (VA); and

WHEREAS, the VA and IHS have recently signed a memorandum of understanding to encourage cooperation and resource sharing between the two agencies with the goal to deliver health care services and enhance the health of American Indian and Alaska Native veterans; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the VA/IHS Memorandum of Understanding is consistent with the intent of previous resolutions supported by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a needs assessment would identify health services, administrative activities, and other opportunities that can be coordinated between the two agencies in order to improve the quality of health care to American Indian and Alaska Native veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports and directs the Board staff to develop a needs assessment to identify health services and opportunities under the IHS-VA Memorandum of Understanding.

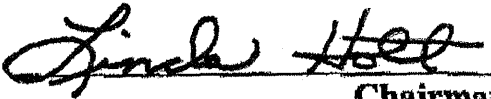
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board recommends that the report be used to meet with the IHS and VA to begin to implement its recommendations.

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CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-03-06

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.


Chairman

April 21st, 2006
Date


Secretary