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**RESOLUTION# 06-03-07**

**Maximizing Nutritional Benefits and Reducing Toxic Risks in  
Northwest Tribal Diet**

**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**, in furtherance of this goal in 1997, NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (*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 Indian Health Service (IHS) areas to emulate in establishing their *EpiCenter* programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) – National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) has invited proposals to help reduce the burden of environmentally associated diseases and health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a primary aspect of this application is to develop community-based prevention/intervention research projects that expand the knowledge and understanding of the potential causes and remedies of environmentally related disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent environmental justice risk communication study conducted by Dr. William Lambert with the Yakama Nation was successful at identifying health risks associated with chemical contaminants in traditional fish foods, and working collaboratively with community members to facilitate a culturally-respectful response; and

**WHEREAS**, tribes have expressed an interest in identifying environmental toxins that impact their health and mounting a response, which is consistent with the goals of this funding initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and the *EpiCenter*; and

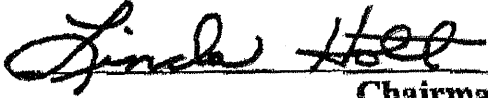
**WHEREAS**, a successful proposal for this NIEHS funding would provide an opportunity for Northwest Tribes to promote environmental and public health at the community level.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort by staff of the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to submit a grant application to the NIEHS requesting funding for the study entitled "Maximizing Nutritional Benefits and Reducing Toxic Risks in Northwest Tribal Diet"

**CERTIFICATION**

NO. 06-03-07

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

  
Chairman

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
Date

  
Secretary