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**RESOLUTION # 06-04-03
Cancer Surveillance Using Health Claims-based Data 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 Idaho, Oregon, and Washington on health related issues; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB 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 (*The EpiCenter*) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) epidemiology data; and

WHEREAS, *The EpiCenter* 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) and Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) have invited research proposals entailing the use of health claims data for cancer surveillance; and

WHEREAS, a primary aspect of this application is to develop and test improved methods for using health claims to assess cancer care; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Tribal Registry (NTR) has performed, Board approved, record linkage studies to correct racial misclassification in the Idaho, Oregon, and Washington state cancer registries to better assess burden of disease for NW AI/ANs; and

WHEREAS, the NTR has collaborated with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center on cancer registry and Medicaid linkages to assess disparities among the Washington State AI/AN cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, the tribes have expressed interest in disparities in cancer screening, treatment, and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and *The EpiCenter*; and

WHEREAS, a successful proposal for this NIH/AHRQ funding would provide an opportunity to improve cancer surveillance for Northwest Tribes.

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 NIH requesting funding for the study entitled "Cancer Surveillance Using Health Claims-based Data System"

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-04-03

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 28 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on July 20th, 2006.

Linda Hill
Chairman

7/20/2006
Date

Stella M. Washburn
Secretary