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RESOLUTION # 06-04-04

Support Health Disparities Study among Minority and Underserved Women

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) has invited proposals to explore health promotion and risk reduction among minority and underserved women, including American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, a primary aspect of this application is to create an intervention that will show promise for improving the reproductive health of minority and underserved women; and

WHEREAS, tribes have expressed an interest in addressing reproductive health disparities among native women, which is consistent with the purpose of this funding initiative; 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 funding would provide an opportunity for Northwest Tribes to promote women's reproductive 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 NIH requesting funding for the study entitled "Health Disparities among Minority and Underserved Women."

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-04-04

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 20, 2006.

Linda Hill
Chairman

7/20/2006
Date

Stella M. Washines
Secretary