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RESOLUTION # 06-04-08

Support for Reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians

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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, Congress established the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to provide for the prevention and treatment services to address the growing problem of diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people, which has now been extended and will expire in FY 2008; and

WHEREAS, the funding from the SDPI provides a comprehensive source of funding to address diabetes issues in Tribal communities by providing grants to 318 programs in 35 different states that successfully provide diabetes prevention and treatment services for AI/ANs and that have resulted in short-term, intermediate, and long-term positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the SDPI program is a critical component in the continuum of care provided to AI/AN people because it greatly enhances the effectiveness of other preventative health programs of the Indian Health Service (IHS) and address significant health disparities associated with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, these critical programs expire October 1, 2008 and the important work to reauthorize the special statutory authority that provides funding for SDPI programs must begin immediately.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board strongly supports legislation that reauthorizes the Special Diabetes Program for Indians to build upon the accomplishments achieved to date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports preliminary objectives for reauthorization as follows: (1) \$200 million a year for a period of five years (FY 2009 – FY 2013); (2) that funding allocations for the newly authorized program be made through Tribal Consultation; and, (3) that funding provided by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians be subject to contracting requirements of P.L. 93-638; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board encourages the IHS Director to appoint a steering committee of Tribal Leaders to lead the reauthorization process similar to the National Steering Committee for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and a national meeting be convened to develop legislative objectives for reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-04-08

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. Washines
Secretary