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RESOLUTION #07-03-02

**Support Community Participatory Research to
Address Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders**

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 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 (*EpiCenter*) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native 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 research proposals that will engage community participation aimed at targeting Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD); and

WHEREAS, a primary aspect of this application is to address gaps in available intervention and service delivery strategies; and

WHEREAS, tribes have expressed interest in addressing the global impact of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, a successful proposal for this NIH funding initiative would provide an opportunity to improve mental health interventions and services for youth with mental illness within the Northwest Tribes, as well as serve as a model project nation wide; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 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 research initiative entitled "Community Participation in Research".


CERTIFICATION

NO. 07-03-02

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 19, 2007.


Chairman

April 19, 2007
Date


Secretary