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Umatilla Tribe  
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Warm Springs Tribe  
Yakama Nation

**RESOLUTION #07-03-07**

**Support for the Submission of a new Competing Access to  
Recovery Grant Application to the Substance Abuse and Mental  
Health Services Administration SAMHSA) by the California Rural  
Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB) to Service Indians in the States  
of California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington**

**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 and is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people in the Northwest; 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**, American Indians/Alaska Natives aged 12 or older have the greatest need for substance dependence or abuse treatment than any other ethnic group in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2000 Census, the State of California (619, 727), Idaho (26, 787) Oregon (84,082) and Washington (156,212) are home to over 886,808 American Indians/Alaska Natives; and

**WHEREAS**, American Indians/Alaska Natives are a disadvantaged and underserved population in our community and do not have access to substance dependence and abuse treatment services due to a lack of treatment resources and funding as other ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc., in the first three years of administering the California American Indian Recovery program, did meet the lofty goals and objectives of the grant, and provided funding for services to over 6,000 American Indians in need.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the NPAIHB, in coordination with the CRIHB, Inc. tribes in California, Idaho, and Oregon and Washington, Indian health programs, and other community partners and key stakeholders, wishes to improve access to substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery support services, expand treatment capacity, and increase the array of community-based and faith-based providers to AI/AN in these four states by providing vouchers to consumers for the purchase of substance abuse treatment and recovery support services of their choice through the Access to Recovery grant program.

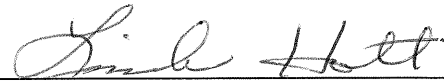
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NPAIHB will help community members to access voucher program so that they may purchase substance abuse treatment and recovery services of their choice through Access to Recovery Program by working with our member tribes.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NPAIHB Board of Directors is aware of, and do support, the submission of the Access to Recovery grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the purposes cited above. The Board of Directors further understands, that this Access to Recovery project (should the grant application be successful) will provide services to all eligible American Indians/Alaska Natives in the States of the California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

CERTIFICATION

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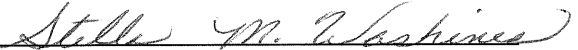
The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 19, 2007.



Chairman

April 19, 2007

Date



Secretary