



**RESOLUTION # 07- 04- 04
NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD**



**RESOLUTION # 248- 07- 07
CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN
HEALTH BOARD**

JOINT RESOLUTION

Support for the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents 43 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 California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB), founded in 1969 for the purpose of bringing back health services to Indians of California; is a tribal organization in accordance with Public Law 93-638, is a statewide tribal health organization representing 36 Federally recognized tribes in 21 counties through its membership of 11 Indian Health Programs throughout California's Indian Country; **AND**

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB and CRIHB are dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; **AND**

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the NPAIHB and CRIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) along with the Snyder Act serve as the policy foundation for the provision of health services and programs provided by the Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribes, and urban programs; **AND**

WHEREAS, a National Steering Committee (NSC) comprised of Tribal leaders from each of the 12 IHS Areas and urban programs has been organized to work on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) and the NSC has worked closely with congressional committees and congressional staff members to develop legislative language for the IHCA that will enhance and protect the IHS delivery system so that it may truly meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Natives; **AND**

WHEREAS, Senator Dorgan has introduced S 1200 the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2007 and Congressman Pallone has introduced a companion bill HR 1328 which contain important new provisions which will improve health care for Indian people **AND**

WHEREAS, In 2005 meeting in joint session CRIHB and the NPAIHB jointly passed a resolution urging the passage of the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act ; and Congress has yet to achieve that goal **AND**

WHEREAS, The Administration, in spite of the best efforts of the Indian Health Service, has continued to obstruct the orderly processing of this critical Indian health legislation by failing to fully identify their concerns or to negotiate those concerns in good faith with the IHS and national Indian leadership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and the California Rural Indian Health Board support S. 1200 and HR 1328 as long as they do not regress from current law provisions contained in P.L. 94-437 and will work collaboratively to; secure the final passage of these bills during this session of Congress, to implement these provisions administratively and to fund these provisions in subsequent fiscal years.

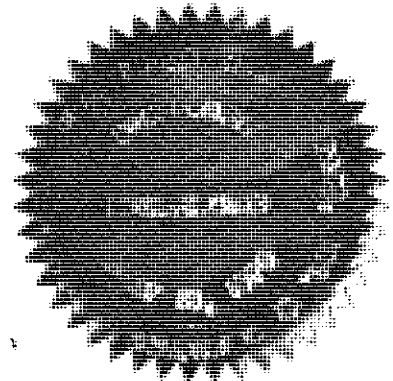
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Rural Indian Health Board and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board strongly urge Congress to reauthorize the IHCIA this year as independent legislation or as an addendum to the Special Children's Health Insurance Program H.R. 1328 and S. 1200

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing joint resolution was adopted at a duly called regular joint meeting of the Board of Directors of Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and California Rural Indian Health Board (*NPAIHB* vote 27 For and 0 Against and 0 Abstain; *CRIHB* vote 18 For and 0 Against and 0 Abstain) held this 26th day of July 2007 in Reno, Nevada and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded.

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