



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



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CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN
HEALTH BOARD**

JOINT RESOLUTION

Support 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 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, American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest age-adjusted prevalence (percent) of diabetes among all U.S. racial and ethnic groups with 16.3% of all AI/AN adults diagnosed with diabetes; **AND**

WHEREAS, AI/AN mortality from diabetes is three times higher than the general U.S. population; **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 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 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 that has provided critical resources, supplies, staff, education tools, newer medications and therapies, basic clinical exams, screening, culturally appropriate diabetes education materials and resources to prevent complications such as eye, heart, foot and kidney disease; **AND**

WHEREAS, these critical programs expire October 1, 2008 and must be reauthorized in order to continue the prevention and treatment of diabetes in AI/AN communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the CRIHB and the NPAIHB hereby support legislation that reauthorizes the Special Diabetes Program for Indians to continue to the important diabetes prevention/treatment programs and build upon the accomplishments achieved to date either as independent legislation or as an addendum to the CHAMP H.R. 2762 and S. 1494

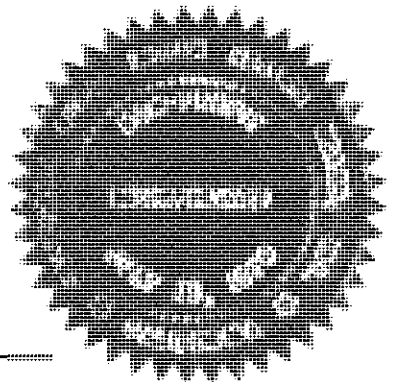
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CRIHB and the NPAIHB recommends reauthorization objectives as follows: (1) \$200 million a year for a period of five years (FY 2009 – FY 2013); (2) that funding allocations for the newly authorized program be made through Tribal Consultation; and, (3) that funding provided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

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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