



**RESOLUTION # 07-04-10  
NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD**



**RESOLUTION # 254-07-07  
CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN  
HEALTH BOARD**

### **JOINT RESOLUTION**

#### **Support the IHCIAM Amendments (S. 1200) to be Included as an Amendment to the Reauthorization of SCHIP**

**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 American Indian and Alaska Native population benefit from a unique trust relationship with the United States government as established in the U.S. Constitution and Federal Court decisions federal law and government to government treaties; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** An express benefit of that relationship is eligibility for health and health related services funded through the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Congressionally established access to other forms of government sponsored coverage including Medicare, Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); **AND**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate Finance Committee successfully passed its SCHIP funding proposal on July 19, 2007, and is scheduled to be heard on the Senate floor very shortly to determine the fate of health coverage for millions of children in this country; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** AI/AN people continue to experience disparities in health status exemplified by unacceptably high rates of morbidity and mortality, from diseases and causes including diabetes, unintentional injury and cardio vascular disease as well as high rates of hospitalization for ambulatory care related diagnosis; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** The Indian health care system has been plagued with chronic under-funding and is estimated to be funded at only 60% of its level of need which is woefully inadequate to provide the level and quality of health services to AI/AN people, and is a national tragedy given the significant health disparities this population experiences.

**WHEREAS,** The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) as an amendment to the SCHIP legislation will compliment the legislative objectives of SCHIP to better serve the health care needs of AI/AN children in this Country and enhances and protects the Indian health care delivery system to address the significant health disparities that Indian people face.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** CRIHB and the NPAIHB support the IHCIA (S. 1200) to be included as an amendment to the Senate's SCHIP's reauthorization bills currently being deliberated in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress as long as the amendment does not regress from current law provisions contained in P.L. 94-437.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** CRIHB and the NPAIHB support a similar amendment to be included when the House of Representatives takes up their version of similar reauthorization bills for SCHIP as long as the amendment does not regress from current law provisions contained in P.L. 94-437.

### CERTIFICATION

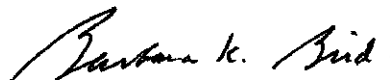
The foregoing joint resolution was adopted at a duly called regular joint meeting of the Board of Directors of Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and California Rural Indian Health Board (*NPAIHB* vote 27 For and 0 Against and 0 Abstain; *CRIHB* vote 18 For and 0 Against and 0 Abstain) held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

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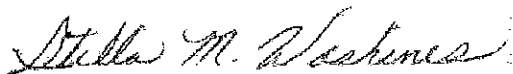
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