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**RESOLUTION #08-01-01**  
**Support for the Establishment of a National Tribal  
Organization on Alcohol, Substance Abuse, and Behavioral Health**

**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 Idaho, Oregon, and Washington on health related issues; 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 NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the incidence of alcoholism among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people is 638% greater than all other U.S. races and the issues associated with providing alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment services have continually ranked as the number one health priority among all twelve of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Areas during the IHS Budget Formulation Process; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB strategic plan identifies addressing the areas of alcohol, substance abuse, and behavioral health as priority areas for Northwest Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of alcohol and substance abuse use in Tribal communities has been elevated by the methamphetamine epidemic and is a serious crisis for individuals, families, communities, agencies, and Tribal governments across the country (which is not specific to Indian Country, but affects the entire nation and scores of communities in the United States); and

**WHEREAS**, the socio-economic impact that alcohol and substance abuse is having throughout Indian Country is costing millions for health care, law enforcement and courts, education, housing, environmental, and many other programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of alcohol and substance abuse results premature death associated with accidents, suicide, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect; and is a leading cause for AI/AN children placed into the foster care system; and

**WHEREAS**, in regional and national forums organized to address alcohol and substance abuse issues in Indian Country tribal leaders and behavioral health professionals have expressed the need for a national tribal organization that is dedicated to promoting and advocating the alcohol and substance abuse issues of Indian Country; and

**WHEREAS**, a national organization dedicated to work with Tribal communities on alcohol, substance abuse, and behavioral health issues is critically needed to advocate for funding, to promote effective and culturally appropriate prevention and treatment services, conduct research to determine effective treatment models, conduct policy development related to financing for alcohol and substance abuse programs, and to provide training and technical assistance to implement effective prevention and treatment programs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the establishment of a national Tribal organization on alcohol and substance abuse issues in Indian Country.

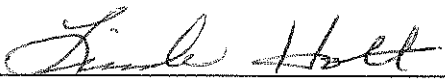
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board recommends that the national Tribal organization be governed by elected Tribal leaders selected from each of the twelve IHS Areas or another method determined by Tribal leaders, to provide geographic representation of Indian Country.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board encourage the collaboration of the other Area Health Boards, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Health Board, the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee, the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee, the National Council on Urban Indian Health, National Indian Child Welfare Association, United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) and other regional and national Tribal organizations to support and develop the national Tribal organization on alcohol and substance abuse.

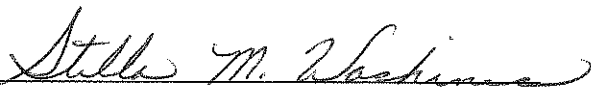
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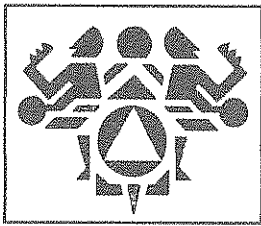
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The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 29 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on October 18, 2007.

  
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**RESOLUTION #08-01-02**

**Support for Application to American Legacy Foundation Funding  
for National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network**

**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

**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 Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest smoking prevalence rates of all ethnic groups in the United States, and 40% of all American Indian/Alaska Native deaths can be attributed to commercial tobacco use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has entered in to a 2-year cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to strengthen and sustain the National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network to assist tribal communities plan, initiate, coordinate, and evaluate tobacco education and prevention activities in their communities, as well as promote and respect the ceremonial uses of traditional tobacco; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network has successfully planned, implemented, and evaluated its scope of work and objectives from 2001 to 2006, and additional resources from the American Legacy Foundation would augment the current project; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network has provided valuable, timely and culturally appropriate information and teaching materials especially for many tribal health advocates from Northwest Tribes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that the American Legacy Foundation will have funding available in October 2007 to help facilitate the reduction of commercial tobacco use in AI/AN communities in the areas of tobacco cessation, prevention, and policy development.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that NPAIHB supports the National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network to submit a proposal to American Legacy Foundation for strengthening and expanding the National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network.

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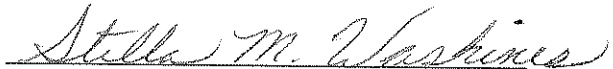
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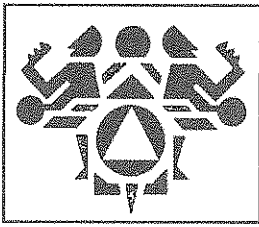
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**RESOLUTION #08-01-03**

**Support for Data Sharing Agreements for Collection and Analysis  
of State Tribal WIC Data**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), 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 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 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 (The *EpiCenter*) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native epidemiology data; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center 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 IHS Areas to emulate in establishing their *EpiCenter* programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of the *EpiCenter's* Maternal Child Health Epidemiology Program has worked with two State health department and three pilot tribes to access, clean and analyze tribal specific WIC data; and

**WHEREAS**, the state WIC data contains weight, length, breastfeeding status, and anemia data for all WIC participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the tribal WIC data can be obtained by all three states of the Portland Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed data analysis will provide a summary of the trend of weight/length, Body Mass Index, breastfeeding and anemia for northwest tribal children and tribal specific children; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed analysis will provide information to tribes and the NPAIHB to highlight the burden of childhood overweight, rate of breastfeeding initiation and the incidence of anemia in tribal children in the Portland Area; and

**WHEREAS**, tribal state WIC data will only be pursued for those tribes that sign tribal-state-NPAIHB data sharing agreements; and

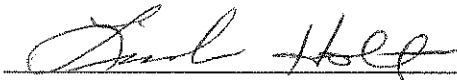
**WHEREAS**, the goals of data collection and analysis efforts are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, the *EpiCenter* and PTOTS.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorses and supports the effort by staff of the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director and with the assistance of other NPAIHB staff, approves the *EpiCenter* pursuit of tribal data sharing agreements to request tribal state WIC data.

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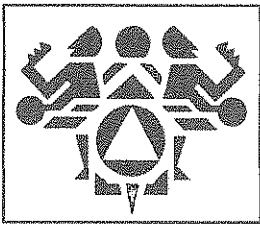
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The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 29 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on October 18, 2008.

  
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**RESOLUTION #08-01-04  
Support Continued Funding for  
Camp Chaparral to Provide AI/AN Veteran Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), 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 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 NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 an Advisory Council was formed to address American Indian health issues and services within the Department of Veterans Affairs which led to the development of Camp Chaparral on sacred land authorized for use by the Yakama Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, financial support for health and healing services provided to American Indian veterans was made available in 1991 and has continually been provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and

**WHEREAS**, Camp Chaparral was established to teach and sensitize VA health professionals who work with American Indian veterans on the use and practice of traditional healing methods and how it can be used to compliment western medicine in treating Indian veterans, with the objectives of:

1. Explain aspects of the American Indian culture, traditions, habits and how these can affect clinical outcomes;
2. Identify the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and physical wounds on American Indian Veterans;
3. Describe the clinical implications of utilization of traditional healers and elders;
4. Demonstrate increased personal sensitivity to the American Indian veterans.
5. Communicate with American Indians about their healthcare needs.; and

**WHEREAS**, the VA budget has eliminated funding for Camp Chaparral the last two years however was moderately restored after objections by AI/AN veteran advocates; and

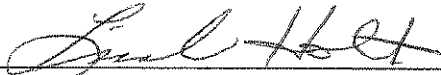
**WHEREAS**, the outcomes of Camp Chaparral have been extremely effective in the treatment of Indian veterans and should continue to be supported by the VA.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board strongly urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to fund the health needs of AI/AN veterans provided at Camp Chaparral.

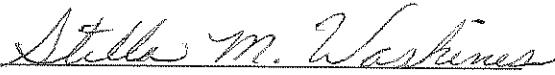
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