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**RESOLUTION #08-03-02**  
**Elimination of Health Disparities through Translation Research (R18)**  
**Alcohol and Substance Use During Pregnancy**

**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 NPAIHB 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 (*EpiCenter*) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native epidemiology data; and

**WHEREAS**, The *EpiCenter* 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 Indian Health Service (IHS) areas to emulate in establishing their *EpiCenter* programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has invited research proposals that accelerate the translation of research findings into public health practice through implementation, dissemination, and diffusion research within health disparity populations; and

**WHEREAS**, a primary aspect of this application is to address alcohol and substance abuse during pregnancy in tribal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, tribes have expressed interest in addressing the ongoing impact of alcohol and substance use during pregnancy in the AI/AN populations; and

**WHEREAS**, translation of research findings into well documented prevention strategies for AI/AN Tribal Nations will improve birth outcomes and strengthen communities,

**WHEREAS**, a successful proposal for this NIH funding initiative would provide an opportunity to improve both the community and public health infrastructure to address FASD, adverse pregnancy outcomes and disability within the Northwest Tribes, as well as serve as a model project nation wide; and

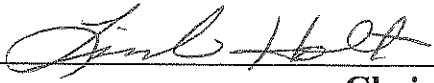
**WHEREAS**, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the *EpiCenter*.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort by staff of the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to submit a grant application to the NIH requesting funding for the research initiative entitled "Elimination of Health Disparities through Translation Research".

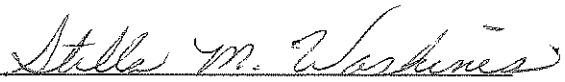
CERTIFICATION

NO. 08-03-02

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 17, 2008.

  
Chairman

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Date

  
Secretary