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**RESOLUTION #08-03-04
Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH)**

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 Northwest 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 IHS Areas to emulate in establishing their *EpiCenter* programs; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the *EpiCenter* is currently supported through funding provided by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) through an initiative entitled Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH); and

WHEREAS, the IHS and DHHS have announced a fifth round of funding to support NARCH centers in order to continue to develop partnerships between American Indian Tribes and tribally based organizations for the purposes of conducting intensive academic-level biomedical, behavioral, and health services research; and

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

WHEREAS, the NARCH advisory group has provided recommendations for health areas in which research is needed that are specifically relevant to tribal Communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort by staff of the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director and with the assistance of other NPAIHB staff, to apply for a grant from the Indian Health Service to continue funding for the NARCH program.

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CERTIFICATION

NO. 08-03-04

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.

Frank Hill
Chairman

Date

Stella M. Washburn
Secretary