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RESOLUTION #08-03-05
**Request for FEMA to Reconsider its Decision to Provide the
Quileute Tribe with Disaster Relief Funding to Repair Health Clinic**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a Tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents forty-three federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and is dedicated to assisting to promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people in the Northwest; 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 Quileute Tribe provides health services to a service population of over 800 people that reside on the Quileute Indian reservation and in Jefferson County located in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Quileute Tribal Health and Prevention Programs provide primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services in addition to family services, an elder program, WIC and nutritional counseling, and maternal health case management services that are delivered in a 4,000 square foot facility that was constructed in 1997; and

WHEREAS, during severe winter storms that struck the Washington Coast in November and December of last year, the Quileute Tribal health facility was subjected to severe damage that included portions of the roof being blown off the clinic; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2007, Washington Governor Christine O. Gregoire requested a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act due to severe storms and flooding beginning on December 1, 2007, and continuing; the requested declaration was for Individual Assistance for two counties and Hazard Mitigation for all counties; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2007, the Governor amended her request to include debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program for six counties; and

WHEREAS, under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Disaster Declaration No. 1734-DR-WA the Quileute Tribe applied for disaster relief funding (\$39,065) to repair damages to their health care facility's roof; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2008, FEMA denied the Quileute Tribe's request for disaster relief on the basis that the incident period was from December 1-17, 2007, and that the Quileute health center sustained damage to its roof prior to this incident period; and

WHEREAS, while the initial damage to the Quileute Tribe's health facility may have been sustained prior to the incident period, the ensuing storms caused considerable wind and water damage beyond that previously sustained and the Quileute Tribe's request for relief under the Disaster Declaration No. 1734-DR-WA should be eligible for relief; and

WHEREAS, the Quileute Tribe continues to provide health care services in the current condition of its damaged facility that is a concern for medical and public health professionals working in the facility as it could be a medical and public health hazard; and

WHEREAS, the assessment by FEMA did not include an estimate of damage incurred prior to the incident period, nor did it include an assessment of damage sustained during the incident period, and making such a determination is not feasible given the circumstances, and Quileute Tribe's request to FEMA should be eligible for disaster relief funding.

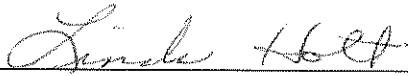
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board recommends that the Federal Emergency Management Agency reconsider its decision to provide the Quileute Tribe disaster relief funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board recommend that this issue be elevated to the Governor Gregoire's office and that appropriate Congressional delegation be notified about the FEMA decision so that Quileute Tribe may receive the same opportunities as other Washington communities.

CERTIFICATION

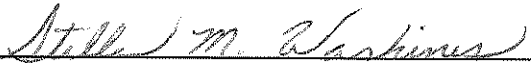
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The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 17, 2008.



Chairman

Date



Secretary