

**RESOLUTION # 09-04-03  
NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD**



**RESOLUTION # 266-07-09  
CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN  
HEALTH BOARD**

## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

### **Support for the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act**

**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 29 Federally recognized tribes in 17 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 Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) along with the Snyder Act serve as the policy foundation for the provision of health services and programs provided by the Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribes, and urban programs; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** a National Steering Committee (NSC) comprised of Tribal leaders from each of the 12 IHS Areas and urban programs has been organized to work on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) and the NSC has worked closely with congressional committees and congressional staff members to develop legislative language for the IHCIA that will enhance and protect the IHS delivery system so that it may more fully meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Natives; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Congressman Pallone has introduced into the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States H.R. 2708 for the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act on June 12, 2009, which contains important new provisions which will improve health care for Indian people **AND**

**WHEREAS,** The U.S. Senate through the leadership of Senator Byron Dorgan was successful in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress in securing floor passage of S. 1200 reauthorizing the Indian Health Care Improvement Act but the bill died at the close of Congress for lack of action in the House of Representatives.

**WHEREAS,** In 2005 and again in 2007 meeting in joint session CRIHB and the NPAIHB jointly passed a resolution urging the passage of the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act ; and Congress has yet to achieve that goal.

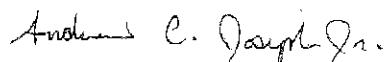
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and the California Rural Indian Health Board support H.R. 2708 providing it does not regress from current law provisions contained in P.L. 94-437 and advance modernizations of the Indian health care system and will work collaboratively to secure the final passage of these bills during this session of Congress, to implement these provisions administratively and to fund these provisions in subsequent fiscal years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the California Rural Indian Health Board and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board strongly urge Congress to reauthorize the IHCA this year.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

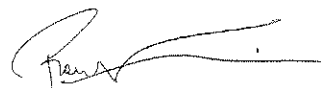
The foregoing joint resolution was adopted at a duly called regular joint meeting of the Board of Directors of Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and California Rural Indian Health Board (*NPAIHB* vote 32 For and 0 Against and 0 Abstain; *CRIHB* vote 13 For and 0 Against and 0 Abstain) held this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2009 in Tulalip, WA, and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded.

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