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RESOLUTION #11-01-01

**Development of Batch or Real-time Immunization Information System
Interoperability with Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Systems**

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 (AI/AN) 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 Oregon Department of Human Services has released a grant opportunity inviting proposals from organizations and partners that report electronic immunization data to Oregon's ALERT Immunization Information System (IIS); and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Boards has been specifically invited to submit an application for this second round of funding; and

WHEREAS, this grant program aims to increase the submission for timely and complete immunization data entered electronically into the IIS system;

WHEREAS, Northwest Tribes have expressed interest in improving comprehensive immunization records, as to better serve tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this Oregon Department of Health funding will improve patient care, avoid unnecessary immunizations and potentially reduce Medicaid costs; 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 NPAIHB, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to submit a proposal to the Oregon Department of Health for funding opportunity #3093 - Development of Batch or Real-time Immunization Information System Interoperability with Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Systems.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 11-01-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on October 14, 2010.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.
Chairman

10-14-10
Date

Brenda Nielson
Secretary