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**RESOLUTION #10-03-02**

**Support to Pursue Funding for Governance Planning Activities  
for Regional Specialty Referral Centers in the Portland Area**

**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**, in October 2005, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Portland Area Office adopted a Health Services and Facilities Master Plan that identified primary care facility and service needs for the 43 Portland Area Tribes, which also included three regional specialty referral health centers and one area-wide inpatient facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Portland Area Facilities Advisory Committee (PAFAC) recently completed oversight of a pilot study to evaluate the means for determining the demand for regional specialty referral centers and to provide recommendations on how to adapt the IHS Health Facility Construction Priority System to score and evaluate such facilities in order to receive funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pilot Study concluded that the demand for a Regional Specialty Referral Centers—when strategically placed to offer specialty care, diagnostic, and ambulatory surgical care—are economically feasible and should be further explored; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pilot Study further recommended that a demonstration project be completed to prove the viability of Regional Specialty Referral Centers for improved access to specialty, diagnostic, and other secondary care in order to gather necessary—and presently unavailable data—to further inform planning metrics for regional secondary care for the Portland Area that will also have application to the entire IHS system; and

**WHEREAS**, the PAFAC has identified that a critical issue that must be addressed before being able to develop preliminary business planning documents (business plan, concept of operation, financial pro forma, etc.) is the governing structure for each of the regional referral centers. A business plan and financial pro forma are vital to obtain construction funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB has been working as a coordinating body to support the work of the PAFAC and to address health facility construction needs of Portland Area Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the PAFAC has recommended that the NPAIHB pursue an Administration for Native American (ANA) grant application under the Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) initiative to fund activities that will lead to the development of the governance structure for Regional Specialty Referral Centers in the Portland Area.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board directs the Executive Director, with oversight by the PAFAC, to develop a grant application to ANA to fund a governance planning grant for regional specialty referral centers in the Portland Area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if there are additional opportunities to fund governance development and planning activities, that the Board is authorized to pursue such opportunities under authority of this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

NO. 10.03.02

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 31 for, \_\_\_\_\_ against, \_\_\_\_\_ abstain on April 22, 2010.

*Andrew C. Joseph Jr.*

Chairman

4-22-10

Date

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Secretary