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**RESOLUTION #10-03-07**  
**National Program to Eliminate Diabetes-Related Disparities in  
Vulnerable Populations**

**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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has invited proposals to reduce morbidity, premature mortality, and eliminate health disparities associated with diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates of diabetes among American Indian / Alaska Natives is substantially greater than other populations; and

**WHEREAS**, tribes have continued to express interest in addressing diabetes at the community and national levels which is consistent with the purpose of this funding opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB is uniquely positioned to strengthen the reach and impact of CDC's current National Diabetes Prevention and Control Program specifically with American Indian / Alaska Natives in the Northwest; 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 *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to submit an application to CDC requesting funding for the "National Program to Eliminate Diabetes-Related Disparities in Vulnerable Populations" grant opportunity.

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**CERTIFICATION**

NO. 10-03-07

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

*Brenda Niely*  
Secretary