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**Resolution #11-02-02
Support for the NW Tribal Substance Abuse Action Plan**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter "NPAIHB" or the "Board") was established in 1972 to assist Tribal governments to improve the health status and quality of life of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is a "tribal organization" as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638 seq. et al) that represents forty-three federally recognized tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the definitions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at 25 USCS § 450b, a tribal organization is recognized as a governing body of any Indian tribe and includes any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities; and

WHEREAS, 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, national data suggest that substance use and abuse is a significant problem throughout Indian Country, with the following indicators as an example¹:

- Nationally AI/AN youth aged 12 or older are more likely than members of other racial groups to have used an illicit drug at least once in the past year (18.4 vs. 14.6 percent) and to have a past year illicit drug use disorder (5.0 vs. 2.9 percent).
- 13.5% of AI/ANs aged 12 or older used marijuana in the past year compared with 10.6% of members of other racial groups;
- 3.5% of AI/ANs used cocaine compared with 2.4% of other racial groups;
- 2.7% of AI/ANs used hallucinogens compared with 1.7% of other racial groups, and;
- 1.3% of AI/ANs used inhalants compared with .9% of other racial groups;

¹ National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that in 2000-2005, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, available www.oas.samhsa.gov, last accessed January 25, 2011.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 11-02-02

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 32 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on January 27, 2011.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.
Chairman

1-27-11
Date

Brenda Nielsen
Secretary