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**Resolution No.:11-03-04**

**"Support for Renewal of Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center"**

**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**, 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 furtherance of this goal in 1997, NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (The EpiCenter) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native epidemiology data; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center 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 IHS Areas to emulate in establishing their EpiCenter Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Indian Health Service has assured the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Delegation that the competing renewal grant request for application which provides an important source of funding for the EpiCenter is imminent,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the funding is to develop and support Tribal Epidemiology Centers and public health infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the objective and purpose of the funding opportunity are consistent with the mission and goals of the Board and the EpiCenter,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorses and supports an effort by the staff of the EpiCenter, under the guidance of the Executive Director and with the assistance of other NPAIHB staff, to apply for renewal funding for the support of the work of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center.

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**CERTIFICATION**

NO. 11-03-04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 31 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 28, 2011.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.  
Chairman

4-28-11  
Date

Brenda Hillier  
Secretary