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Resolution #:11-03-05

Recommendation for President Obama to Amend and Reissuing the Executive Order 13175; or Clarifying Tribal Concerns through a Statement of Administrative Policy

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 NPAIHB 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 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 recognition of the unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribal governments each President since 1994 has established an Administrative policy requiring Tribal consultation for the heads of Executive Departments and Agencies directing them to consult with tribal governments prior to taking actions that affect federally recognized tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the United States policy for Tribal consultation is formalized through Presidential Executive Orders No. 13084 (May 14, 1998) and 13175 (November 6, 2000) and have been reinforced through a statement of administrative policy by President Obama (see November 5, 2009, Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on Tribal Consultation); and

WHEREAS, the policy for Tribal consultation marks an era of formalizing government-to-government relationships between the United States and Tribal governments and has been effective to address policies that have tribal implications for both the United States government and Indian Tribes; and

WHEREAS, over the last twenty years, Tribes have identified challenges that have hindered fully implementing Tribal consultation in an effective and meaningful way and these issues could be addressed by the current Administration by updating the standing Executive Order on Tribal Consultation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB urges President Obama to address Tribal concerns with provisions in the Presidential Executive Order on Tribal Consultation (No. 13175) by amending and reissuing the Executive Order or by clarifying these provisions through a statement of administrative policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB recommend that the National Indian Health Board and National Congress of American Indians work with Tribes to develop position statements on Tribal concerns in the Executive Order.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 11-03-05

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, 2010.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.
Chairman

4-28-11
Date

Pamela Jefferson
Secretary