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**Resolution #12-03-08**

**"Support \$403 million budget increase for the IHS Budget in FY 2013"**

**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**, the President's request for the Indian Health Service (IHS) FY 2013 budget only includes a \$115.9 million increase over last year's enacted level ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board estimates that the President's request will fall short by over \$287 million just to maintain current services and that it will take at least \$403 million in FY 2013 to maintain the current levels of health care provided by the Indian health system, anything less will result in Indian health programs having to absorb the mandatory costs of inflation, population growth and increased administrative costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the President's proposed budget to Congress does not provide any funding increases for inflationary costs except for the CHS program with no additional funding requested for inflation, population growth or civilian and Tribal pay cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, current services calculate mandatory costs increases necessary to maintain the current level of services and these mandatory costs are unavoidable and include medical and general inflation, pay costs, population growth and contract support cost which NPAIHB estimates to be \$403 million in FY 2013.

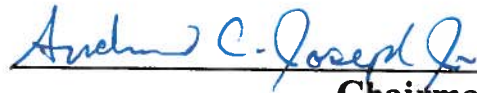
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NPAIHB recommends that Congress support a budget increase of \$403 million for the IHS budget in FY 2013.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NPAIHB recognize a \$403 million increase may seem unreasonable in the current fiscal environment however given the significant health care needs of Indian people our recommendation is realistic. NPAIHB also recognize that in this difficult budget environment, we must all make sacrifices for our Country, but as the historic record on Indians will demonstrate, no one has sacrificed more than Native Americans.

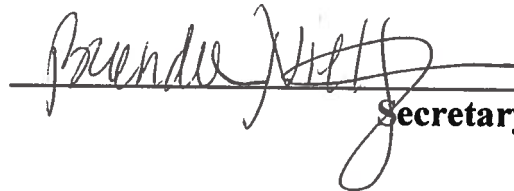
**CERTIFICATION**

NO. 12-03-08

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 30 for 0 against 0 abstain on April 19, 2011.

  
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Chairman

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Date

  
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Secretary