



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

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Support for the NW Tribal Injury Prevention 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 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, NPAIHB is established with a delegate appointed with voting privilege and sanctioned through formal tribal resolution from each and every federally-recognized tribe in the Portland Area; and

WHEREAS, data suggest that unintentional injury is a significant problem throughout Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, injury is a serious public health problem leading to premature death, disability and enormous burdens on the health care system; and unintentional injury (UI) includes events that may be unforeseen – such as car crashes, falls, poisonings and drownings – that are neither isolated nor arbitrary, but in fact are often both predictable and preventable; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service (IHS) reports that unintentional injury mortality rates for Indian people are about three times higher than for all Americans combined (IHS, Trends in Indian Health 2000-2001); and injury is the leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) ages 1-44, and the third leading cause of death for Northwest AI/ANs of all ages (CDC WISQUARS 2009); and

WHEREAS, the Injury Prevention Action Plan is the product of a collaborative, intertribal, year-long planning process initiated by members of the Northwest Tribal Injury Prevention Coalition, and the mission of the five-year plan is to reduce injuries and injury-related death rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives living in the Pacific Northwest by increasing tribal capacity to prevent unintentional injuries resulting primarily from motor vehicles and falls.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorse and encourage the adoption of the 2011-2015 Northwest Tribal Injury Prevention Action Plan among its member tribes, and in collaboration with the Northwest Washington Indian Health Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2011-2015 Northwest Tribal Injury Prevention Action Plan be actively used by members of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board to guide program planning, support community outreach efforts, and foster a coordinated response to unintentional injury in our tribal communities.

