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**Resolution #12-03-07  
Reauthorization of the SDPI in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress**

**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**, it has broadly understood and been demonstrated through statistical analysis that American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people experience disproportionately higher rates of health disparities than other groups of people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Health Board has requested views of tribes about what should be the position of Tribes on issues in the upcoming reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Portland Area Tribes, as well as those nationally, have taken a position on the reauthorization of the SDPI following its expiration in FY 2008 and since only extensions of the program have been granted by Congress without a multi-year reauthorization of the program, than Northwest Tribes continue to stand on the previous resolutions (see attached) adopted by NPAIHB, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the National Congress of American Indians; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Portland Area Tribes continue to support the following legislative objectives for the reauthorization of the SDPI: (1) a reauthorization of the SDPI for a period of five years; (2) that funding allocations for the newly authorized program be made through Tribal consultation, and; (3) funding provided by the SDPI be subject to contracting requirements under P.L. 93-638.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Portland Area Tribes recognize that the current fiscal climate and budgetary needs are challenging and urge that if these requested funding amounts and years cannot be achieved that Indian Country stand firm that the funding level not be lower than the existing \$150 million a year for a period of at least two years.


**CERTIFICATION**

NO. 12-03-07

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.

  
Chairman

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Date

  
Secretary