



Resolution #12-04-03
“In Support for the Northwest Children’s
Immunization Improvement Project”

**NORTHWEST
PORTLAND
AREA
INDIAN
HEALTH
BOARD**

- Burns-Paiute Tribe
- Chehalis Tribe
- Coeur d’Alene Tribe
- Colville Tribe
- Coos, Suislaw &
Lower Umpqua Tribe
- Coquille Tribe
- Cow Creek Tribe
- Cowlitz Tribe
- Grand Ronde Tribe
- Hoh Tribe
- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
- Kalispel Tribe
- Klamath Tribe
- Kootenai Tribe
- Lower Elwha Tribe
- Lummi Tribe
- Makah Tribe
- Muckleshoot Tribe
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Nisqually Tribe
- Nooksack Tribe
- NW Band of Shoshone Tribe
- Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
- Puyallup Tribe
- Quileute Tribe
- Quinalt Tribe
- Samish Indian Nation
- Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
- Shoalwater Bay Tribe
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
- Siletz Tribe
- Skokomish Tribe
- Snoqualmie Tribe
- Spokane Tribe
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe
- Suquamish Tribe
- Swinomish Tribe
- Tulalip Tribe
- Umatilla Tribe
- Upper Skagit Tribe
- Warm Springs Tribe
- Yakama Nation

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, childhood immunizations are one of the surest means to prevent illness in children and protect them from unnecessary infections; and

WHEREAS, the percent of AI/AN children in the Northwest who are fully immunized by age two has fallen to only 62%; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve upon the current rate of childhood immunization it is necessary to understand the barriers to immunization from the perspective of patients and families; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to understand the attitudes and practices of healthcare providers with regards to immunizations; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Area IHS Director has made available funding to better understand the reasons why AI/AN childhood immunization rates have fallen and to develop strategies to address these issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the NPAIHB does hereby supports the effort to address the crisis of under-immunization of AI/AN children in the Northwest through the Northwest Children’s Immunization Improvement Project which will conduct interviews, focus groups and epidemiologic reviews to better understand and improve upon immunization practices affecting NW Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 12-04-03

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 28 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on June 21, 2012.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.
Chairman

6-21-12
Date

Brandi Niff
Secretary