



## RESOLUTION # 21-01-02

### NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

Burns-Paiute Tribe  
Chehalis Tribe  
Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Colville Tribe  
Coos, Siuslaw, &  
Lower Umpqua Tribe  
Coquille Tribe  
Cow Creek Tribe  
Cowlitz Tribe  
Grand Ronde Tribe  
Hoh Tribe  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Kalispell Tribe  
Klamath Tribe  
Kootenai Tribe  
Lower Elwha Tribe  
Lummi Tribe  
Makah Tribe  
Muckleshoot Tribe  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Nisqually Tribe  
Nooksack Tribe  
NW Band of Shoshoni Tribe  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
Puyallup Tribe  
Quileute Tribe  
Quinault 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  
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### COVID-19 FOOD SECURITY SURVEY FOR WASHINGTON STATE TRIBES WITH POTENTIAL EXPANSION TO IDAHO AND OREGON STATE TRIBES

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter "NPAIHB" or "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 USC § 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**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been disruption in the food supply chain to Northwest Tribal communities and a significant increase in the need for food assistance programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, Children (WIC), and food banks or pantries; and

**WHEREAS**, we are only beginning to understand the extent to which Northwest Tribes have been affected by food shortages and increasing unemployment rates which puts additional pressure on tribal food assistance programs, and

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need for additional data collection to assess changes in food access pathways (such as, supermarkets, food assistance, food banks, and mobile deliveries), the types of foods acquired, particularly traditional foods, and economic well-being during COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) received funding in partnership with University of Washington and Washington State

University to adapt the Washington State Food Security during COVID-19 survey (COVID-19 Food Security Survey) for Northwest Tribal communities with the potential to expand the survey to Idaho and Oregon tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the data will be aggregated at the state level and compared to similar data for the general state population to provide insights to state food agencies that are trying to respond to rapid alterations in the foods supply and demand during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, tribal area level data will be provided to tribes in Washington to assist in food system planning and alterations needed during public health emergencies.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) approves the implementation of the COVID-19 Food Security Survey for Washington State tribes with the potential expansion to Idaho and Oregon State tribes pending additional funding.

### **CERTIFICATION**

#### **NO. 21-01-02**

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the Virtual October 20-21, 2020 Quarterly Board Meeting of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 26 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on October 21, 2020.



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**Chairman**



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**Secretary**

**October 21, 2020**  
**Date**