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**Resolution # 17-02-01**

**Title: Pathways into Health – Northwest Native American Center of Excellence**

**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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board 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 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 Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) is the only public health and research university in the state of Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, OHSU strives for excellence in education, research and scholarship, clinical practice and community service as part of its multifaceted public mission; and

**WHEREAS**, OHSU strives to lead and advocate for programs that improve health for all, and extend OHSU’s education, research and healthcare missions through community service, partnerships and outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, OHSU School of Medicine seeks to enhance human health through programs of excellence in education, research, health care and

public service to the larger community including underserved populations;  
and

**WHEREAS**, OHSU Department of Family Medicine aims to be a supportive and collaborative organization that transforms primary care and inspires future leaders by demonstrating the best in Family Medicine by serving our patients and communities through excellence in clinical care, education, research, and leadership in Family Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, OHSU Family Medicine Assistant professor Erik Brodt, MD is proposing the Pathways Into Health: Northwest Native American Center of Excellence (OHSU-NNACOE) funded by HRSA; and

**WHEREAS**, OHSU-NNACOE will recruit, train, and retain Native American health professional students and faculty; and

**WHEREAS**, OHSU-NNACOE will raise awareness of Native American health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, OHSU-NNACOE will further tribal-academic partnerships in education and research.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the application of Oregon Health & Science University to HRSA for the Pathways Into Health: Northwest Native American Center of Excellence proposal.

Approved by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

CERTIFICATION

NO. 17-02-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on December 7, 2016.

*Andrew C. Joseph Jr.*

Chairman

December 7, 2016

Date

*Gregory J. Abrahamson*

Secretary