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**Resolution # 17-03-01
Preserve the Indian Health Care Improvement Act**

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, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people and its member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) (P.L. 94-437) was enacted in 1976 to provide "the highest possible health status to Indians and to provide existing Indian Health Services with all resources necessary to effect that policy;" and

WHEREAS, IHCIA serves as fundamental legislation for the Indian Health Service, tribal, and urban Indian health programs in fulfillment of the federal government's trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, permanent reauthorization of the IHCIA (S. 1790) was enacted in 2010 with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) (P.L. 111-148); and

WHEREAS, IHCIA had been worked on for over a decade and was tacked onto the ACA as a vehicle to get IHCIA passed;

WHEREAS, IHCIA passed with the ACA but is separate from the ACA; and

provide existing Indian health services with all resources necessary to effect that policy;" and

WHEREAS, a repeal of the ACA in its entirety would also repeal the permanent reauthorization of IHCA and Indian provisions in the ACA, such as, Section 2901(b)-Payor of Last Resort, 2901(c)-Facilitating Enrollment of Indians Under Express Lane Option, 2902-Elimination of Sunset for Reimbursement for all Medicare Part B Services Furnished by Certain Indian Hospitals and Clinics, and Title IX, Section 9021-Exclusion of Health Benefits Provided by Indian Tribal Governments as Taxable Income; and

WHEREAS, IHCA and Indian provisions in the ACA have significantly improved and strengthened the Indian health care system; and

WHEREAS, IHCA has improved workforce development and recruitment of health professionals in Indian country; and

WHEREAS, IHCA provided new authorities to fund facilities construction as well as maintenance and improvement funds to address priority facility needs; and

WHEREAS, IHCA created opportunities to improve access and financing of health care services for Indians such as the provision for the Indian Health Service to carry out long term care related services and reimbursement for same; and

WHEREAS, IHCA has been instrumental in modernizing the delivery of health services provided by IHS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board does hereby support and request preservation of the permanent reauthorization of Indian Health Care Improvement Act as to any repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board also hereby supports and requests retention of the Indian provisions in the ACA.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 17-03-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on February, 2017.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

2/8/2017

Date

Bryce J. Abrahamson

Secretary