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RESOLUTION # 18-01-03

**RFA-MH-18-410: Addressing Suicide Research Gaps: Understanding
Mortality Outcomes (R01)**

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 non-governmental "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, in furtherance of this goal in 1997, NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (*EpiCenter*) in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) epidemiology data; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB's suicide prevention project (*Tribal Health: Reaching out InVolves Everyone* (THRIVE)) has worked with tribes and tribal organizations throughout the U.S. for eight years to improve mental health outcomes for AI/AN teens and young adults through improved surveillance and culturally-relevant interventions; and,

WHEREAS, the Improving Data and Enhancing Access-Northwest (IDEA-NW) project has over fifteen years' experience conducting record linkages with vital records, hospitalizations, and other data systems to improve the accuracy and availability of health data for Northwest Tribes;

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Natives are disproportionately impacted by higher rates of suicide, compared to non-Indian people; and

WHEREAS, improved data are needed to understand the behavioral, social, environmental, and healthcare-related factors that put AI/ANs at increased risk for suicide mortality;

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity supports THRIVE's and IDEA-NW's mutual goals to improve collection of suicide-related data in order to guide the development and delivery of culturally-relevant interventions for AI/AN; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity will support partnerships between Tribes, tribal organizations, and local and state health departments to build and sustain suicide surveillance efforts;

WHEREAS, the goals of this grant opportunity are consistent with the goals and objectives of the NPAIHB, the NW Tribal EpiCenter, the NW Suicide Prevention Tribal Action Plan, and the NW Adolescent Health Tribal Action Plan; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by staff of the *EpiCenter*, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to pursue funding through the “*NIH - Addressing Suicide Research Gaps: Understanding Mortality Outcomes*” funding opportunity.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 18-01-03

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on October 12, 2017.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

October 12, 2017

Date

Gregory J. Abrahamson

Secretary