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Resolution # 18-01-05

**“Collaborative Minority Health and Health Disparities Research
with Tribal Epidemiology Centers (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
(PAR-17-484)”**

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

WHEREAS, the mission of the NPAIHB is to eliminate health disparities and improve quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the NPAIHB’s strategic plan is to support and conduct culturally-appropriate health research and surveillance among northwest Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) has invited proposals to support the collaborative research between Tribal Epidemiology Centers and investigators on topics related to minority health and health disparities in American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations; and

WHEREAS, support will be provided to leverage existing Epi Center motor vehicle related data (injury, mortality, restraint use data) and data abstraction planned by the Epi Center to address gaps in data and knowledge needed by NW Tribes and Tribal coalitions to address health disparities in motor vehicle injury and death; and

WHEREAS, a previous collaborative partnership, the Native CARS Study, was developed among NW tribes, Academic universities and the NPAIBH to reduce motor vehicle-related morbidity and mortality among American Indian and Alaskan Native children through improving child safety seat use; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaskan Natives experienced motor-vehicle related death rates (29.06/100,000), higher than any other race or ethnicity

WHEREAS, tribes have expressed an interest in the need for motor vehicle morbidity and mortality data, to reduce the number of AI/AN children and adults injured or killed in car crashes, which is consistent with the purpose of this funding initiative; and

WHEREAS, a successful proposal for this NIH funding initiative would provide an opportunity for Northwest Tribes to assess the availability, quality and completeness of motor vehicle injury and mortality data, towards the goal of improving the evidence on which to design and evaluate tribal interventions; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the *EpiCenter*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports an effort by the staff of the *EpiCenter*, under guidance of the Executive Director, to submit a grant application to the NIMHD requesting funding for the initiative entitled "Collaborative Minority Health and Health Disparities Research with Tribal Epidemiology Centers".

CERTIFICATION

NO. 18-01-05

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 November 8, 2017.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

November 8, 2017
Date

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Secretary