

**RESOLUTION # 19-04-08
NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD**



**RESOLUTION # 340-08-19
CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN
HEALTH BOARD**

JOINT RESOLUTION

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AMERICAN
INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- WHEREAS,** the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a Tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents 43 federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho and is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people in the Northwest; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB), founded in 1969 for the purpose of bringing back health services to Indians of California, is a Tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents 52 federally-recognized Tribes through its membership of 16 Tribal Health Programs in California and is committed to the needs and interests that elevate and promote the health status and social conditions of the Indian People of California; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the NPAIHB and CRIHB are dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of AI/AN people; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the primary goal of the NPAIHB and CRIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Health and Human Resources (HHS) Office of Minority Health established the AI/AN Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC) in 2006 to serve as an advisory body to HHS; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of the HRAC was to help ensure that federally recognized Tribes and AI/AN people have meaningful and timely input in the development of relevant HHS policies, programs, and priorities specific to AI/AN research; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** for more than a decade, the HRAC was instrumental in developing research priorities that served as a foundation for several public health initiatives to improve the health status of AI/AN communities; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** on or about December 24, 2018, the Acting Director, Division of Policy and Data, Office of Minority Health, sent a memorandum to the Acting Director, Office of Minority Health, recommending that HRAC be decommissioned and cease to convene as an HHS FACA exempt advisory committee effective December 31, 2018; **AND**

WHEREAS, the memorandum stated that “[Office of Minority Health] identified many overlapping priorities between HRAC and NIH TAC [National Institutes of Health Tribal Advisory Committee],” and that “NIH TAC is poised to assume the leadership role in guiding research for Tribal Nations;” **AND**

WHEREAS, NIH TAC sent a strong letter of opposition to the decommissioning of HRAC and proposal for NIH TAC to take over HRAC responsibilities, **AND**

WHEREAS, the duties of the HRAC and NIH TAC are separate and distinct; **AND**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order No.13175, November 6, 2000, executive departments and agencies are charged with engaging in regular and meaningful consultation; **AND**

WHEREAS, HHS has adopted a Tribal Consultation Policy that applies to all HHS Operating and Staff Divisions, including Office of Minority Health; **AND**

WHEREAS, Tribal consultation under the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy is required when there is a critical event affecting one or more Indian Tribe(s); **AND**

WHEREAS, decommissioning the HRAC without notice is such a critical event and Tribal consultation was required; **AND**

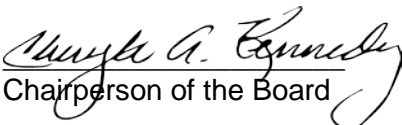
WHEREAS, no Tribal consultation was conducted prior to the decommissioning of the HRAC.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NPAIHB and CRIHB request Tribal consultation on whether the HRAC should continue under the HHS Office of Minority Health or whether its focus can be accomplished by other HHS tribal advisory committees.

CERTIFICATION

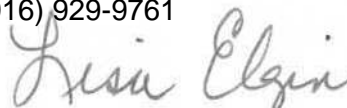
The foregoing joint resolution was adopted at a duly called regular joint meeting of the Board of Directors of NPAIHB and CRIHB (***NPAIHB** vote 26 For and 0 Against and 0 Abstain; **CRIHB** vote --- For and 0 Against and 2 Abstain*) held this 18th day of July 2019, in Lincoln, CA and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded.

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