



RESOLUTION # 06-02-05
Support for the 2006 STD/HIV Tribal Action Plan

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WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), a tribal organization under P.L. 93-638 that represents forty-three Federally-recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho on health related issues; and

WHEREAS, the 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, sexually transmitted infections cause significant physical, social, and economic harm to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, national data indicate that AI/ANs are nearly six times more likely than whites to get Chlamydia, over three times more likely to get gonorrhea, and twice as likely to have syphilis and these infections compromise not only individual well being, but the well being of the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women are nearly three times more likely to be diagnosed with Chlamydia than non-Native women, and AI/AN men are twice as likely to be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, at 10.4 cases per 100,000, AI/AN people had the 3rd highest AIDS rate in 2003, in relation to other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, sexually transmitted infections are associated with a range of considerable health outcomes, including chancres, pain, infertility, cancer, and even death; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board endorse and encourage the adoption of the STD/HIV Tribal Action Plan among its member tribes. The STD/HIV Tribal Action Plan is the product of a collaborative, inter-tribal, year-long planning process initiated by members of the Red Talon STD/HIV Coalition. The goal of three-year Action Plan is to reduce the prevalence of STDs among American Indians and Alaska Natives living in the Pacific Northwest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the STD/HIV Tribal Action Plan will be actively used by the members of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board to guide program planning, support community outreach, and foster a coordinated response to the devastating impact of STDs and HIV in our tribal communities.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 06-02-05

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 25 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on January 19th, 2006.

Linda Holt
Chairman

1/19/2006
Date

Stella M. Washines
Secretary