RESOLUTION #

CDC- RFA-DP18-1812PPHF18 Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country

**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**, the NPAIHB’s Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center is authorized to operate nationally to carry out the goals and objectives of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s CDC- RFA-DP18-1812PPHF18 Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country; and

**WHEREAS,** American Indian and Alaska Native people are disproportionally impacted by higher rates of diabetes, heart disease and obesity when compared to non-Indian people; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting tribal practices that build resiliency and connections to community, family, and culture, can reduce risk factors for the development of chronic disease; and

**WHEREAS,** supporting cultural teachings and practices about traditional healthy foods to promote health, sustenance and sustainability to increase the number of tribal community members participating in traditional food programs and increase intergenerational sharing for a positive impact on wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of this initiative are consistent with the goals and objectives of both the NPAIHB and the *NW Tribal EpiCenter*; 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 CDC PPHF Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country funding opportunity.