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RESOLUTION # 16-03-02
Support for Renewal of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center

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 "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 primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this goal in 1996, NPAIHB established the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center in an effort to improve the quality of American Indian and Alaska Native epidemiology data; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center has gained national recognition for developing and implementing many useful and innovative projects to improve the health and the quality of life for Northwest tribes and their members and has served as a national model for other Indian Health Service Areas to emulate in establishing their Tribal Epidemiology Centers Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Indian Health Services has stated that the competing renewal grant request for application will be released in late April 2016, which is an important source of funding for the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the funding is to develop and support Tribal Epidemiology Center and public health infrastructure; to support the Epicenters Public Health Authority status; and

WHEREAS, the objective and purpose of the funding opportunity are consistent with the mission and goals of the Board and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses and supports efforts by staff of the EpiCenter, under the guidance of the Executive Director, to apply for renewal funding for the support of the work of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 110-03-02

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 20 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 21, 2016.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

April 21, 2016
Date

Gregory J. Abrahamson
Secretary