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RESOLUTION # 16-03-04

RFA-MH-17-350: Collaborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth (U19)

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 suicide prevention project (*Tribal Health: Reaching out Involves Everyone* (THRIVE)) has worked with tribes and tribal organizations throughout the U.S. for over seven years to improve mental health outcomes for AI/AN teens and young adults, and is authorized to operate regionally and nationally to carry out the goals and objectives of the grant announcement issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) RFA-MH-17-350: *Collaborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth (U19)*; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native youth are disproportionately impacted by higher rates of suicide, compared to non-Indian people; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity supports THRIVE's ongoing goal to improve regional suicide prevention surveillance, research partnerships, and the delivery of culturally-relevant interventions for AI/AN youth; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this grant opportunity are consistent with the goals and objectives of the NPAIHB, the NW Tribal EpiCenter, the NW Suicide Prevention Tribal Action Plan, and the NW Adolescent Health Tribal Action Plan; 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 "NIH - Collaborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth" funding opportunity.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 16-03-04

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 28 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 21, 2016.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

April 21, 2016
Date

Gregory J. Abrahamson
Secretary