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**RESOLUTION # 17-01-03
SUPPORT ENGAGEMENT OF YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF
YOUTH TRACK**

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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board 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 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board 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, the development of our youth in leadership will benefit the communities and because the youth are our future;

WHEREAS, many of our member Tribes have active youth councils and other means for the youth to voice their opinions and priorities in shaping the future; and

WHEREAS, regional and national Tribal organizations (ATNI and NCAI) also embrace a youth track, or separate activities to engage youth populations into leadership development and initiation of policy; and

WHEREAS, developing leadership skills of our younger populations will provide the opportunity to improve health services and policy in a more inclusive and diverse manner; and

WHEREAS, Tribal populations tend to have a large percentage of their populations below the age of 25 than the general population; and

WHEREAS, engaging our youth in the development of approaches to wellness and solutions to their health issues is more likely to ensure their participation and have better outcomes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board does hereby support the development of a youth track and engagement of the youth of our member Tribes in leadership development and priority-setting for health issues impacting their age group as an investment in improving the lives of future generations to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board encourages our member Tribes to expand involvement of youth in policy development and in setting priorities that address the issues important to their youth populations.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 17-01-03

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 05 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on October 20, 2016.

Andrew C. Joseph Jr.

Chairman

October 20, 2016

Date

Gregory J. Abrahamson

Secretary