



NPAIHB

Member Tribes of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board:

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Chehalis Tribe
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Colville Tribe
- Coos, Siuslaw & Lower Umpqua Tribe
- Coquille Tribe
- Cow Creek Tribe
- Cowlitz Tribe
- Grand Ronde Tribe
- Hoh Tribe
- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Kalispel Tribe
- Klamath Tribe
- Kootenai Tribe
- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- Lummi Tribe
- Makah Tribe
- Muckleshoot Tribe
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Nisqually Tribe
- Nooksack Tribe
- NW Band of Shoshoni Tribe
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Puyallup Tribe
- Quileute Tribe
- Quinalt Tribe
- Samish Indian Nation
- Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
- Shoalwater Bay Tribe
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
- Siletz Tribe
- Skokomish Tribe
- Snoqualmie Tribe
- Spokane Tribe
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe
- Suquamish Tribe
- Swinomish Tribe
- Tulalip Tribe
- Umatilla Tribe
- Upper Skagit Tribe
- Warm Springs Tribe
- Yakama Nation

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## RESOLUTION # 21-03-01

### Strengthening Indigenous Health and Science Research: NW NARCH Program

**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 Northwest Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) is one of the NPAIHB programs working toward health promotion of regional tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the NARCH program proposes to further science education programs for tribal high school, college, and graduate school students toward the benefit of tribal people; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institutes of Health reports that AI/AN scientists receive only 0.2% of all funded research projects from that federal agency, compared to 67.3% for whites; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 20 years AI/AN Bachelor’s, Master’s and PHD degrees in Science awards have demonstrated no increase. In 2019 AI/AN people were awarded fourteen (14) PhD degrees as compared to six hundred (600) for Hispanics and four thousand (4000) for whites; and

**WHEREAS**, training AI/AN scientists to address health issues of importance to tribes should be viewed as a priority concern; the interests of science starts in high school and before, and requires nurturing of these students to reach the goal of becoming independent scientists; and

**WHEREAS**, the NW NARCH program has sponsored a significant number of successful tribal graduate students in the sciences, including many who have worked at the Health Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the NW NARCH application designed to fund; 1) NW tribal high school students, and 2) undergraduate and graduate students, in pursuit of science research training through a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors at the April Quarterly Board Meeting, held virtually April 20, 2021 – April 22, 2021, with a quorum present.



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Nickolaus D. Lewis  
Chair, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health  
Board  
Councilman, Lummi Indian Business Council

ATTEST:



Greg Abrahamson, NPAIHB Secretary