



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
- Quinault 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 # 2022-04-06

TITLE: Support of Reproductive Rights of American Indian and Alaska Native People

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (hereinafter “NPAIHB”) was formed in honor of our elders’ teachings to realize the wellness of the seventh generation—our grandchildren’s grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB was established in 1972 as a tribal organization under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), P.L. 93-638, and has a primary purpose to make known the needs and desires of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people to federal, state and local agencies in formulating policies, programs and establishing priorities, and in providing and delivering services which it is incumbent upon the United States to provide pursuant to the trust responsibility and treaty obligations made to federally recognized Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB is governed by the forty-three federally recognized member tribes in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington in accordance with the NPAIHB Constitution and By-Laws adopted in July of 1996, as amended on July 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB’s mission is to eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of AI/AN by supporting Northwest Tribes in the delivery of culturally appropriate, high-quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS, AI/AN people are more likely to experience a pregnancy-related death than non-Hispanic white, 29.7 AI/AN pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births compared to 16.7 for general population or 12.7 for white; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) issued its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* overturning *Roe v. Wade*, which prohibited states from restricting access to abortion services as it was a fundamental right protected by the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, with the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, AI/AN people now face an alarming public health emergency without guaranteed rights to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, NPAIHB recognizes the fundamental right of all people to sexual health and reproductive autonomy; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB recognizes that, despite the progress that has been made nationwide improving comprehensive reproductive health (including access to contraception, family planning services and prenatal care, and abortion services),

significant disparities continue to exist for AI/AN who do not have equal access to comprehensive reproductive health services; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB supports the delivery of high-quality, culturally-tailored comprehensive reproductive and sexual health services, including access to contraception, family planning, prenatal care, abortion services, maternal and child health (MCH), and prevention of sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB endorses the fundamental right of AI/AN people to access comprehensive reproductive and sexual health services, including access to contraception, family planning, prenatal care, abortion services, maternal and child health (MCH), and prevention of sexual violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB promotes the sovereignty of Tribal Nations to determine access to comprehensive reproductive and sexual health services within their own territories and hereby declares that no state law restricting or criminalizing such services shall have the force of law within Tribal jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPAIHB calls on the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and the federal government to protect AI/ANs fundamental rights to sexual health and reproductive autonomy; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman (or Vice Chair in their absence) is hereby authorized and directed to execute this resolution and any documents connected therewith, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to attest to the certification.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the 7-21-2022 Quarterly Board Meeting of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 31 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on 7-21-2022.



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

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Abrahamson", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Abrahamson, NPAIHB Secretary
Vice-Chair, Spokane Tribe of Indians