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RESOLUTION # 20-01-01

SUPPORT OF BAN ON SALE OF FLAVORED VAPING PRODUCTS

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 ("member tribes"); 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, commercial tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease and Native people suffer serious health consequences including heart disease, cardiovascular disease (CVD), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), stroke, asthma, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native people (AI/AN) have the highest rate of tobacco use in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and/or any vapor products are not a harmless alternative to nicotine cigarettes, and are not proven nor Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved cessation devices; and

WHEREAS, as of October 8, 2019, 1,299 lung injury cases associated with the use of ENDS, or vaping, products have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and 1 U.S. territory; and

WHEREAS, twenty-six deaths have been confirmed in 21 states related to vaping, all patients have reported a history of using ENDS, or vaping, products; and

WHEREAS, in Washington State, seven hospitalization cases have been reported related to ENDS or vaping associated with lung injury; in Oregon State nine hospitalization cases have been reported related to vaping or ENDS associated with lung injury and two deaths; and in Idaho State six hospitalization cases have been reported related to vaping or ENDS associated with lung injury; and

WHEREAS, nicotine-containing products play a role in this outbreak because some patients with lung injury report exclusive use of nicotine containing products, and many patients with lung injury report combined use of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and nicotine-containing products; and

WHEREAS, the latest national and state findings suggest products containing THC, are linked to most of the cases and play a major role in the recent outbreak; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 U.S. Surgeon General's Report on e-cigarette use among youth and young adults, ENDS are now the most commonly used form of tobacco by youth in the United States and 85% of ENDS users ages 12-17 use flavored products; and

WHEREAS, ENDS proponents are deceptively marketing the products to the public—especially to young adults via social media—as a “safe” alternative to smoking and an easy way to quit smoking tobacco cigarettes and entice use with flavors attractive to youth; and

WHEREAS, teens are already more susceptible to addiction than adults because their brains are still developing, which makes them more likely to habituate to using drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, ENDS is causing harm to our people and a policy supporting the ban of flavored vaping products is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) supports a ban on the sale of flavored Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) or vaping products within facilities owned, operated, or leased by tribes including:

- a) all businesses that sell tobacco and nicotine products; and
- b) all areas within reservation boundaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NPAIHB requests that the Indian Health Service issue a statement supporting a ban on the sale of, and use of, flavored ENDS or vaping products.

CERTIFICATION

NO# 20-01-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 21 for, 0 against, 3 abstain on October 24, 2019.


Chairperson


Secretary

October 24, 2019
Date