



RESOLUTION # 20-02-01

IN SUPPORT OF ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN INDIAN COUNTRY

NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

Burns-Paiute Tribe
Chehalis Tribe
Coeur d' Alene Tribe
Confederated Tribes of Colville
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower
Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua
Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Hoh Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Kalispel Tribe
Klamath Tribe
Kootenai Tribe
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Lummi Nation
Makah Tribe
Muckleshoot Tribe
Nez Perce Tribe
Nisqually Tribe
Nooksack Tribe
NW Band of Shoshone Nation
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Puyallup Tribe
Quileute Tribe
Quinault Indian Nation
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
Skokomish Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe
Squaxin Island Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe
Suquamish Tribe
Swinomish Tribe
Tulalip Tribe
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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 NPAIHB 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, more than 700,000 lives, and at least 2,019 American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) lives, have been lost to HIV in the United States since 1981; **AND**

WHEREAS, more than 1.1 million Americans, and at least 3,035 AI/AN people, are currently living with HIV; **AND**

WHEREAS, from 2013 through 2017 rates of new diagnosis of HIV for AI/AN people increased to 7.8 per 100,000 – although rates of new HIV diagnosis decreased or stayed stable for all other racial and ethnic groups; **AND**

WHEREAS, without intervention many more AI/AN people will be newly diagnosed over the next 10 years – despite the available tools to prevent infections; **AND**

WHEREAS, the United States has trust and treaty obligations to provide healthcare to AI/AN people; **AND**

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2019, President Donald J. Trump in his State of the Union announced his Administration’s goal to end the HIV epidemic in the United States within 10 years; **AND**

WHEREAS, to achieve the goal and address the ongoing public health crisis of HIV, the proposed *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* will leverage the powerful data and tools now available to reduce new HIV infections in the United States by 75 percent in five years and by 90 percent by 2030; **AND**

WHEREAS, in order for tribes and AI/AN people to be included in the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* funding must be allocated to tribes and the Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Indian Programs to develop infrastructure and systems to diagnose, treat, prevent and respond to the HIV Epidemic; **AND**

WHEREAS, \$25 million was proposed in the President's Indian Health Service budget for FY 2020 for HIV and viral hepatitis C (HCV) as part of the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* and final appropriations for the Indian Health Service for FY 2020 did not include HIV and HCV funding; **AND**

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB is deeply concerned that lack of funding for Ending the HIV in Indian Country will likely lead to continued HIV and HCV health disparities and health outcomes for AI/AN people; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services is subject to trust and treaty obligations and must ensure funding is available to tribes and the Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Indian Programs.

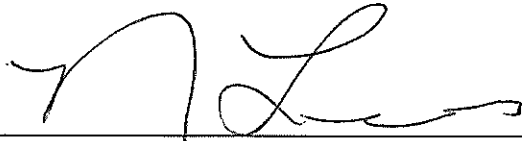
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB fully supports HIV and viral hepatitis c (HCV) funding as part of the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* in Indian Country; **AND**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NPAIHB calls on the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Indian Health Service and its other agencies, for inclusion of tribes and the Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Indian Programs in future budgets and national initiatives; **AND**


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NPAIHB calls upon Congress to fully fund tribes and the Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Indian Programs to develop infrastructure and systems to diagnose, treat, prevent and respond to HIV and HCV as part of the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America*.

CERTIFICATION
NO# 20-02-01

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being established; 23 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on _____, January 16, 2020.



Chairperson



Secretary

January 16th, 2020
Date