**RESOLUTION #16-01-03**

**“Western Tribal Diabetes Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Grant”**

**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 Western Tribal Diabetes Project (WTDP) is a program administered by NPAIHB, within the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (TEC); and

**WHEREAS**, the strategies and tools developed and evaluated by WTDP have served to build capacity among Indian Health Service, Tribal, and urban Indian Health (I/T/U) grantees of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI), for improved ability to track, monitor, and use accurate health data for diabetes and its associated complications; and

**WHEREAS**, one such tool, the Health Status Report, returns the data from the Indian Health Service Diabetes Audit to the Portland Area SDPI programs, for use in program planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the data utilized in the Health Status Report is aggregate data and is only used to create the report back to the SDPI tribal programs for improved case management; and

**WHEREAS**, the WTDP provides technical assistance to SDPI programs for the diabetes registry, annual audit report, key measures, and grant reports; and

**WHEREAS**, the WTDP supports and encourages the use of the Indian Health Best Practices for Diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, the WTDP has received funding under the SDPI based on a 5% area set aside; from the area funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Grants Management has required that the NPAIHB approve the 5% set aside funding to receive continued funding in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the SDPI community directed funds will not be impacted and will see an increase in funding.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board supports the application of the Western Tribal Diabetes Project to the SDPI for continued funding in 2016.