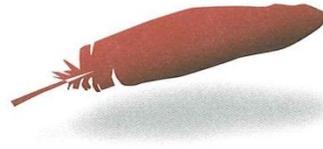


National Indian Health Board



National Indian Health Board Resolution 13 – 02

Support for the American Indian Public Health Track of the Master of Public Health Program, North Dakota State University

WHEREAS, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), established in 1972, serves all Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal governments by advocating for the improvement of health care delivery to AI/ANs, as well as upholding the Federal government's trust responsibility to AI/AN Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS AI/AN suffer from among the worst public health disparities in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of AI/AN health professionals trained in public health; and

WHEREAS, most public health training programs do not focus enough attention to or prioritize AI/AN health issues; and

WHEREAS the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program at North Dakota State University (NDSU) has started the first American Indian Public Health specialization track in the nation; and

WHEREAS the NDSU MPH Program Director is the only American Indian MPH Director in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the American Indian MPH Track is to increase the numbers of AI/AN and others who are well-trained in public health; the goal is to reduce AI/AN health inequities through education, research and public health programming; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and goals of the NDSU MPH Program are consistent with the NIHB purpose and goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the National Indian Health Board supports and endorses the NDSU MPH Program; and



THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NDSU MPH Program will work in partnership with the NIHB to improve the health status of AI/AN populations.

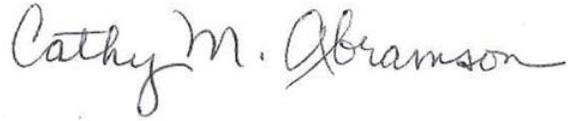
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board, with a quorum present, on the 16 day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:



Secretary, H. Sally Smith



Chairperson, Cathy Abramson