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National Native American AIDS Prevention Center Selects New Executive Director

June 6, 2007 – Denver, CO – The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC), a national organization committed to addressing HIV/AIDS in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities, announced today the appointment of its new Executive Director. Mr. Warren Jimenez was selected following an extensive national search. The appointment is effective July 9.

“As the only national Native organization addressing HIV/AIDS in Native communities, the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center required a leader with vision, charisma, and strong management skills to build upon the history of advocacy NNAAPC has provided in the field of HIV/AIDS,” said Geoff Roth, NNAAPC’s Board President. “Warren brings a unique blend of governmental, non-profit, and for-profit management experience needed to further develop HIV/AIDS programs and services for our Native communities. He will be our voice in the discussion on how to best stop the devastation HIV/AIDS and other related diseases are having on Indian Country”

Since January 2004, Jimenez has been the Senior Policy Director for Portland City Commissioner Sam Adams. In that capacity, he was responsible for policy development, community and media relations, and community partnerships and served as the Commissioner’s official liaison to the Native American and Latino communities.

Additionally, Jimenez has worked with the Northwest tribes in the area of health care and community wellness. He is the former Health Director for the Native American Rehabilitation Association and has served as the Southwest Washington Area Manager for Planned Parenthood of Columbia/Willamette and Executive Director of the Tri-County Economic Development District in Colville, WA. He also has extensive volunteer experience in serving Native youth, elders, and families.

“I am humbled by the selection to be the next Executive Director” said Jimenez. “All my life I have worked to serve Native communities and other underserved populations, those very communities that are at highest risk for HIV/AIDS.”

“As Executive Director, my initial focus will be to strengthen the organizational infrastructure to effectively advance prevention strategies and build stronger community

and national relationships for the organization,” added Jimenez. “I look forward to working with our Board of Director’s, staff and communities across the country to promote HIV/AIDS prevention among Native populations.”

Jimenez is a member of the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation. He holds a BS in Business Administration from Walla Walla College in College Place, WA with Project Management training from the George Washington University School of Business and Public Management.

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The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, located in Denver, CO, is a non-profit organization founded in 1987 to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians through culturally appropriate advocacy, research, education, and policy development in support of healthy Indigenous people. NNAAPC provides capacity building assistance to tribal and urban health organizations and communities, community-based organizations serving Native people, and agencies that administer federal HIV/AIDS policy. Over the last 19 years, NNAAPC has conducted work in community mobilization, training and technical assistance in HIV/AIDS prevention, intervention and case management, communications and media development, outreach and recruitment, developing technologies with HIV applications, and forging a policy agenda that ensures the inclusion of Native people. NNAAPC is the only national HIV/AIDS-specific Native organization in the United States. For more information, contact www.nnaapc.org or 720-382-2244.