



2018 Annual Convention Worley, Idaho

RESOLUTION #18 - 40

“APPEAL FOR THE UNIFORM USE OF ED506 TO IMPROVE NATIVE STUDENT IDENTIFICATION AND RECRUITMENT”

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, steps have been taken by American Indian/Alaska Native leadership to educate federal and state agencies about the unique role of tribes and to promote Indian self-determination on a government-to-government basis and to be consulted on issues significant to Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, American Indian/Alaska Native populations are often identified by the various federal and state agencies as a minority and the smallest ethnic group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, misidentification and under-identification of American Indian/Alaska Native students continues to be an issue in the schools at the K-12 level; and

WHEREAS, ATNI has supported improvement of American Indian/Alaska Native student identification in the K-12 and higher education institutions with a previous Resolution #16-02; and

WHEREAS, form ED506 gathers important information to establish the eligibility of American Indian/Alaska Native students for services, however this process can be difficult to access, or may require parents and guardians to seek out enrollment forms which they may not be aware of; and

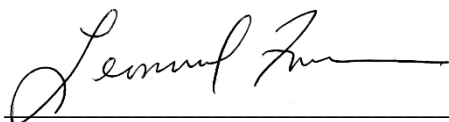
WHEREAS, the need exists for all K-12 paper and online student registration packets to contain the form ED506 and to be uniformly applied in the K-12 schools; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI joins in and supports the appeal to the K-12 school districts within the Northwest to take the necessary steps to engage families and students in order to improve the federal identification and eligibility processes for American Indian/Alaska Native students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge the K-12 schools to realize the common vision to achieve equitable and optimal educational opportunities for students and families registering students by including the form ED506 in all school registration packets, so students can receive the culture based educational services they are eligible for.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2018 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel - Worley, Idaho, on September 17-20, 2018, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary