



2019 Winter Convention Portland Oregon

RESOLUTION #19 – 01

“SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE *100 YEARS: ONE WOMAN’S FIGHT FOR JUSTICE* DOCUMENTARY AND CURRICULUM”

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 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 promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a regional organization comprised of American Indians 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 Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians; and

WHEREAS, the *100 Years: One Woman’s Fight for Justice* is the story of Elouise Cobell and her 30-year fight for justice for over 300,000 Native Americans whose mineral-rich lands were grossly mismanaged by the US Government for over a century; and

WHEREAS, *100 Years* is relevant to all students because it addresses a complex issue of land tenure and the impacts of a specific federal Indian policy: allotment, while documenting how one person can make a difference in a system encumbered with bureaucracy and legal complexities; and

WHEREAS, the complex issues in *100 Years* resonate with significant American Indian and worldwide issues, such as environmental injustices and unethical practices that exist today in many forms and forums; and

WHEREAS, the Dawes Allotment Act of 1887 and other federal Indian policies enacted by the U.S. government adversely impacted American Indians, reinforcing paternalism and economic dependency on the government; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature passed legislation in 2015 requiring the teaching of tribal history in the Washington State public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State legislature passed legislation in 2017 requiring the teaching of tribal history in the Oregon state public schools; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the educational vision and goals of *100 Years: One Woman's Fight for Justice* documentary and curriculum in all forms of public and tribal education; and

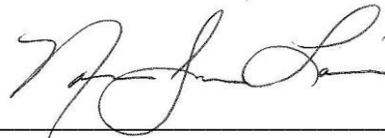
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges the Offices of the State Superintendents of Public Instruction to collaborate with local Tribes, school districts, and Native education advisory councils on the adaptation, adoption and implementation of the *100 Years: One Woman's Fight for Justice* documentary and curriculum within all forms of public and tribal education.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2019 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on January 28-31, 2019, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary