



## Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

### 2007 Winter Conference Portland, Oregon

#### RESOLUTION #07 - 07

#### "SUPPORT A GATHERING OF TRADITIONAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALERS"

#### 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 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 Northwest Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, the cultural aspects of spiritual and traditional healing are very important factors in the history, health, recovery and wellness of American Indian people that can be used to compliment outcomes of western medicine; and

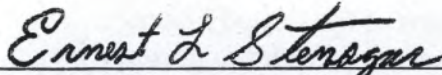
**WHEREAS**, there is a need within the American Indian community to support and strengthen links with traditional and spiritual healers to network and share resources on the positive outcomes of traditional and spiritual healing and identify best practices on health, healing, and addictions recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, such an event will provide a forum for American Indian and Alaska Native community members, youth, and Elders to connect and share their challenges and strategies for success; now

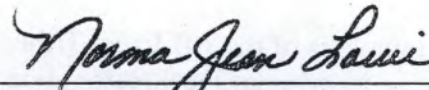
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI hereby supports the development of a regional and/or national conference that supports the advancement of spiritual and traditional healing to address the growing health and substance abuse issues in Indian Country.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2007 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel in Portland, Oregon on February 15, 2007, with a quorum present.



Ernest L. Stensgar, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary