



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2007 WINTER CONFERENCE PORTLAND, OREGON

RESOLUTION #07 - 16

"SUPPORT FOR PUYALLUP TRIBE TO PROMOTE A FORUM OF THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES"

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 Puyallup Tribe has existed since creation as the aboriginal people who are owners and guardians of their lands and water; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe is an independent sovereign nation, having historically negotiated with several foreign nations, including the United States in the *Medicine Creek Treaty*; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council is the governing body of the Puyallup Tribe in accordance with the authority of its sovereign rights as the aboriginal owners and guardians of their lands and water, reaffirmed in the *Medicine Creek Treaty*, and their Constitution and By-laws, as amended and approved by the Tribe and Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council firmly believes that the interests of the tribal members are the interests of all Native peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council realizes that in order to build a prosperous future for all Indian Country, there must be a voice within the circles of power at all levels of government throughout our great nation; and

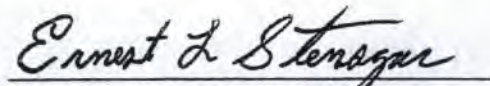
WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council knows that only through participation in the election process at all levels of government that all voices along with our votes will be heard loud and clear; now

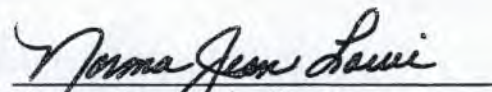
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby supports the Puyallup Tribal Council's goal for the INDN's List Education Fund and its founder, Kailyn Freh, to undertake a historical gathering of democratic candidates for the President of the United States in a forum on Indian issues to take place in Indian Country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the role of Native students and their role as future leaders would also be promoted by involving Indian Education and students in this historical gathering 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