



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2007 Winter Conference Portland, Oregon

RESOLUTION #07 - 17

"OPPOSITION TO REASSIGNMENT OF COUER D'ALENE TRIBAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO BILLINGS AREA OFFICE"

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 the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council has been empowered to act for and on behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe pursuant to the revised Constitution and By-laws, adopted by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe by referendum November 10, 1984, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, December 21, 1984; 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 Coeur d'Alene Tribe is committed to ensuring the best possible educational services to our reservation community from birth through adulthood with the assistance of the Bureau of Indian Education; and

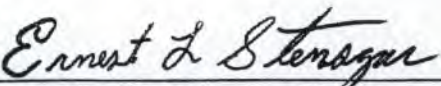
WHEREAS, the existing Portland Area Office and newly established Seattle Area Office have successfully served our children, youth and adults for more than thirty-four (34) years and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe greatly values the existing relationships with said offices; and

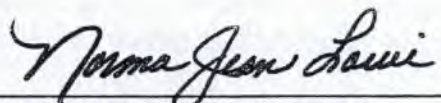
WHEREAS, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is requesting that the Bureau of Indian Education maintain the administration of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School and Coeur d'Alene Tribal Education Programs under the Seattle Area Office, and not reassign or relocate the administration under the Billings Area Office; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby supports the needs of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and urges the Bureau of Indian Education to refrain from relocating or reassigning the administration of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School and Coeur d'Alene Tribal Education Programs under the Billings Area Office, and to maintain the administration of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School and Coeur d'Alene Tribal Education Programs under the newly established Seattle Area Office.

CERTIFICATION

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


Ernest L. Stensgar, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary