



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2007 WINTER CONFERENCE PORTLAND, OREGON

RESOLUTION #07 - 19

"FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR TRIBAL LANGUAGE TEACHERS ON OR NEAR INDIAN RESERVATIONS"

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 the Northwest Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Native languages of the Alaskan Natives/American Indians provide an important role in retaining the unique history and culture of the people; and

WHEREAS, elders are currently working with their tribal communities and/or villages with the tribal educational programs and local educational agencies that are

located on or near the original homelands of the Alaskan Natives/American Indians and their communities; and

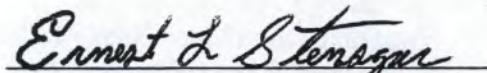
WHEREAS, currently a Federal Tax Exemption has been enacted for income derived from tribal members performing treaty fishing subsistence; and

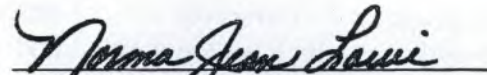
WHEREAS, similarly there exists tribal members, many of whom are elders, who have the knowledge of and are willing to teach their Native languages to tribal members and others interested in learning their language on or near their original homelands; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby requests the U.S. Government to enact a Federal Tax Exemption for income earned by Native language elders/teachers, working on or near their original homelands.

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