



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2007 WINTER CONFERENCE PORTLAND, OREGON

RESOLUTION #07 - 21

“RECOGNITION OF GLADYS MILLER THOMPSON FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO PRESERVING KIKSHT IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OREGON”

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, Gladys Miller Thompson continues to devote her life in service to her fellow Tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Thompson was born in the Tenino Valley on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation on January 1, 1915, to Carrie Jane John Charley and Thomas Miller and learned *Kiksht*, the language of the Wasco people from her Wasco father's parents, Margaret and Tomas Handley, who raised her with a love of the Native language; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Thompson also became fluent in *Ichiskiin*, the *Sahaptin* language of the Columbia River Plateau area spoken by her mother; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Thompson is currently teaching *Kiksht* to her grandchildren and to many members of the Warm Springs Tribes and is one of three surviving fluent *Kiksht* speakers; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Thompson serves her people as a revered teacher of *Kiksht* in the Warm Springs Tribal Language Program from its inception to this day, including teaching linguists Robert Moore and Hank Millstein; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Thompson has served her people for over a quarter century as a Wasco member of the Warm Springs Cultural and Heritage Committee and her dedication to the preservation of Indian ways is a source of inspiration for members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and related tribes and will benefit all future generations; and

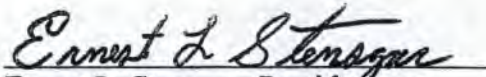
WHEREAS, Gladys Thompson worked for passage of Senate Bill 690, the Native language teacher certification bill, in 2001, and is the expert responsible for certifying teachers of *Kiksht*; and

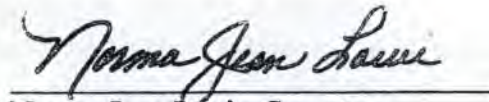
WHEREAS, Gladys Thompson has 26 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great grandchildren, many of whom as keeping *Kiksht* alive; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby supports the recognition of Gladys Miller Thompson in preserving the culture of the Wasco Tribe and recognize her significant accomplishments in preserving *Kiksht* and *Ichiskiin*, two of the great Native languages among tribes in Oregon and Washington.

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