



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2007 WINTER CONFERENCE PORTLAND, OREGON

RESOLUTION #07 - 22

“RECOGNITION OF MADELINE BRUNOE MCINTURFF, 1915-2006, 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 late Madeline Brunoe McInturff devoted her life in service to her fellow tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon until passing away last year; and

WHEREAS, *atwai* Madeline McInturff was born in Warm Springs, Oregon in 1915, and learned *Kiksht*, the language of the Wasco people of *Wamilx*, the great Columbia River, spoke *Kiksht* fluently and taught it to her five children and to many members of the Warm Springs Tribes, and her passing leaves only three fluent *Kiksht* speakers where once there were several thousands; and

WHEREAS, Madeline McInturff served her people as a nurse in the Indian Health Service for 38 years from 1946 to 1984, providing care to generations of tribal members on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and training many Indian Health Service doctors in the traditions and customs of the Wasco people, bridging the cultural gap between Indian elders and medical professionals to improve the health of her people; and

WHEREAS, Madeline McInturff was also an accomplished horsewoman who competed as a trick rider in many rodeos and rode in numerous parades to demonstrate the pride and skill of her people; and

WHEREAS, Madeline McInturff served her people upon retirement and for a quarter century thereafter as a member of the Warm Springs Cultural and Heritage Committee and her dedication to the preservation of Indian ways was a source of inspiration for members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and will benefit all future generations of her tribe; and

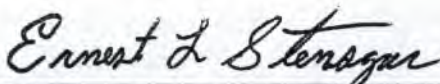
WHEREAS, Madeline McInturff strove courageously until the end of her life to preserve the sacred way of life and the language given to her people by the Creator and in so doing set an example of love and strength against great adversity; and

WHEREAS, in July 2006, at the age of 91, this revered spiritual leader and healer passed away at her home in Warm Springs; now

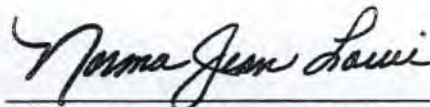
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby supports the recognition of Madeline Brunoe McInturff and her significant accomplishments in preserving the *Kiksh* language, one of the great Native languages of Oregon and for providing health care to thousands of Wasco, Warm Springs, Paiute and other tribal members.

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