



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2008 Winter Conference Yakima, Washington

RESOLUTION #08 - 01

"RECOGNITION OF ELYSE UMEMOTO AS MISS WASHINGTON 2007-08"

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 Miss Washington pageant is held annually to select an individual who represents the richness and diversity of the State of Washington and will then compete in the January 26, 2008, Miss America contest; and

WHEREAS, Miss Elyse Umemoto, a Yakama Tribal member with a very rich and diverse family background, was selected July 7, 2007, to represent the State of Washington as Miss Washington; and

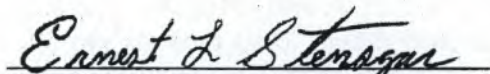
WHEREAS, Miss Umemoto encourages young women to seriously consider preparing and competing in pageants which provide scholarship opportunities for contestants to pursue their higher education and career; now

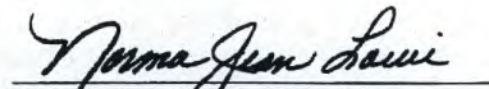
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians honor and appreciate Miss Elyse Umemoto (Yakama) for her integrity, respect and faith demonstrated as a representative of the State of Washington, including the Yakama Nation and diverse tribes and communities of the northwest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians urges member tribes and northwest communities to vote on-line for Miss Elyse Umemoto as Miss America while at the contest in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 26, 2008.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2008 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, Washington on January 25, 2008, with a quorum present.


 Ernest L. Stensgar, President


 Norma Jean Louie, Secretary