



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2008 Winter Conference Yakima, Washington

RESOLUTION #08 - 09

"AMEND TITLE VII, INDIAN EDUCATION ACT TO ALLOW CONTINUED FUNDING IN ABORIGINAL INDIAN COMMUNITIES REGARDLESS OF NATIVE STUDENT COUNT AFTER INCEPTION OF INITIAL GRANT"

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 Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance Act of 1965, Section 7116, the Indian Education and Self-Determination Act provides Formula Funding for Indian Education programs for tribes, school districts and communities; and

WHEREAS, under the Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance Act of 1965, the Title VII, Part A, Indian Education Program was established; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Education Act provides supplemental support to address the culturally related academic needs of Native students so they can meet the same challenging standards as all other students; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide continuous funding for aboriginal Indian communities once the minimum number of ten students has been met for funding; now

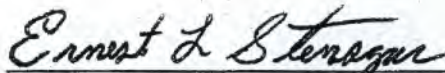
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians endorse the amendment of the Title VII, Indian Education Act to allow continuous funding of the Title VII, Indian Education in aboriginal Indian communities regardless of Native student count after inception of initial grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and National Indian Education Association (NIEA) are strongly urged to rectify this inequitable treatment of aboriginal communities; and

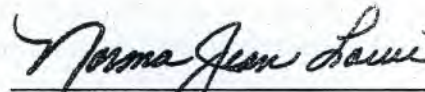
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, to support the culturally related academic needs of Native students, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians recognizes this as a priority need and urges NCAI and NIEA to place this need on their annual Legislative Agenda.

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