



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2008 Winter Conference Yakima, Washington

RESOLUTION #08 - 10

"SUPPORT OF THE 2008 NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE"

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 United States has committed to working with tribes on a government-to-government basis to support sovereignty and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, education of our generations is vital to our cultural and language preservation, future economic development, health, legal, social and political endeavors;

through all of these avenues we carry our culture and actualize our sovereignty every day;
and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) was formed with the goal of addressing the unique educational and cultural needs of Indian students and is committed to increasing educational opportunities and resources for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students while protecting our cultural and linguistic traditions; and

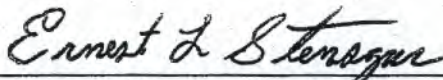
WHEREAS, Northwest Indian education leaders have agreed to host the National Indian Education Association's 39th Annual National Conference, October 23-26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Tribes and communities have historically worked together to collaborate and develop cooperative strategies to improve the overall education goals of our Indian communities; now

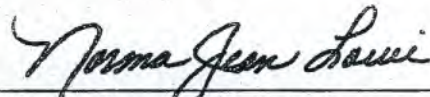
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians support the efforts of the established inter-tribal Local Planning Committee and encourages all Member Tribes to attend, participate, offer support and sponsor the National Indian Education Association's 39th Annual National Conference.

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