



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

2008 Winter Conference Yakima, Washington

RESOLUTION #08 - 13

"SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL CONSULTATION WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PLAN AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION IN PREVENTION PLANNING"

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, in December 2007, the **Washington State Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Plan Proposal** was announced with Community Forums scheduled in western and eastern Washington for input on Community-based Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Work Groups were formed for the purpose of making proposals to the Governor's Plan Objective Two: Implement substance abuse prevention programs and strategies that research has shown to be effective or promising; and

WHEREAS, Work Groups have been formed to focus on "Infusing Cultural Considerations into Prevention Planning" under the proposed Governor's Plan Objective Two; and

WHEREAS, the historical, complex, and sensitive nature of substance abuse related issues among Native tribes, families and children requires specific tribal and urban community participation; and

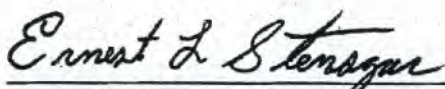
WHEREAS, currently, multi-faceted prevention programs exists at multiple and diverse levels - tribal, urban and/or community levels of tribal communities, including parent and community involvement with our public schools under Indian Education; now

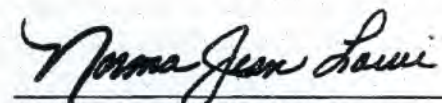
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians urge the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, to conduct Tribal Consultation with Tribes and Indian Education participation about tribal and cultural specific prevention goals to consider for the Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ATNI urges Member Tribes to advocate for culturally responsive prevention programs that considers culturally respectful research in the context of holistic wellness and tribal self-determination.

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