



## Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

### 2008 Winter Conference Yakima, Washington

#### RESOLUTION #08 – 36

#### "GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT – CENTENNIAL ACCORD'S IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC, ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION"

#### 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**, a Centennial Accord between Federally recognized Indian Tribes in Washington State and with the State of Washington that addresses a framework for their government-to-government relationship and the implementation of the Centennial Accord Plan that ensures execution of spirit and intent of the accord; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centennial Accord itself has a specific objective that strives to strengthen our government-to-government relationship and establish efficient process or enhance existing services to Indian and non-Indian people alike. Where the Accord encourages and provides the foundation and framework to work within established plans or specific agreements among the parties outlining specific tasks to address or resolve specific issues; and

**WHEREAS**, since the inception of the Accord between the tribes and the state consisting of approximate 18.5 years to accomplish this unique relationship which facilitates mutual achievement of the established goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Gregoire, reaffirmed this historic document in April 28, 2005, which recommits to the principles and resolutions of the New Millennium Agreement, and resolve to move forward with the Federally Recognized Tribes in a positive and constructive relationship that will assist us fairly and effectively resolve any differences to achieve our mutual goals; and

**WHEREAS**, to review the Report titled, 2007 Centennial Accord Agency Highlights, specifically the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, it reflects status quo and does not have a plan that fosters an improved face-to-face consultation process with Federally Recognized Tribes; now

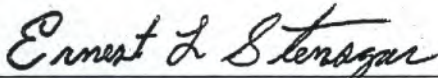
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the spirit and intent of the Centennial Accord is to address problems and request that Governor Gregoire coordinate with her Chief Of Staff to assist in coordination to establish a Centennial Accord Plan for 2008 between Federally Recognized Tribes, other intended tribes and DAHP concerning the following:

1. Tribal Resolution or a Policy Statement -A tribal document directing tribal staff to communicate with state agencies within the spirit of the *Centennial Accord* and these implementation guidelines.
2. Tribal Organization-A list of key staff and policy contacts, along with an organizational chart.
3. Decision-Making Process-A description of the tribe's current organization and decision-making process relevant to state agencies.
4. Face-to-face consultation-Outlines consultation process procedures to be used for outreach to state agencies on tribal actions or initiatives that may affect state interests.
5. The tribes understand that there may or may not be an existing Centennial Accord Plan that guides cultural property meaning to be inclusive with regard to human remains. Since most of the tribes have been involved with the recent development of new legislation regarding human remains; however, the legislative process does not always acknowledge, or support the tribal concerns or resolve any outstanding issue.

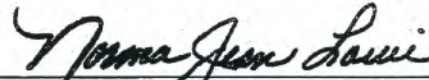
6. Therefore, desires to exercise the rights established under the Accord to address issues, and facilitate government-to-government matters and issues.
7. The ATNI had previously passed the Resolution 07-73, titled, Legislative Study on Human Remains to "Incorporate and Balance the Needs of Tribes, Local Residents and the Scientific Community" which petitioned a forum for addressing and establishing solution-oriented process but within a government-to-government basis between tribes and DAHP.
8. In the event a current plan exists with a Federally Recognized Tribe, that they can request an 'update' measure to address the tribe's position or issues, if one does not exist, then measures 1 thru 6 should be applied.

### 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.



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