

# **2009 Winter Conference Tulalip, Washington**

## **RESOLUTION #09 - 10**

### **"RECOMMENDATION TO CONDUCT TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON INDIAN HEALTH STIMULUS FUNDING"**

#### **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**, ATNI 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 ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress passed the American Recovery Investment Act of 2009 (stimulus) which provides \$787 billion to stimulate the United States economy during this recession; and

**WHEREAS**, the stimulus funding includes \$500 million for the Indian Health Service (IHS) to spend on information technology activities and for facilities related construction; and

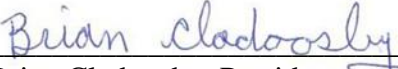
**WHEREAS**, Tribal communities are dealing with the same economic crisis that the rest of the United States is experiencing and in many respects, this crisis could be more harmful on Tribal communities since economic conditions on Indian reservations are among the worst in the United States and Indian reservations do not have the same economic infrastructure or capital needed to create jobs and stimulate economies as the rest of the country; and


**WHEREAS**, the funding provided to IHS must spread equally across Indian Country so that Tribes nationally have an equal opportunity to address desperate economic conditions on their reservations; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians recommend that the IHS Director consult with Tribes to make sure that resources provided by Congress address the needs of Tribes on an equal basis.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2009 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Tulalip Resort & Casino, Tulalip, Washington on February 19, 2009 with a quorum present.

  
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Brian Cladoosby, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary