

2009 Winter Conference Tulalip, Washington

RESOLUTION #09 - 15

"SUPPORT OF NORTHWEST INDIAN NEWS"

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

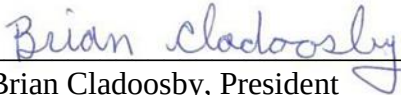
WHEREAS, Northwest Indian News' mission is to train eligible tribal members to learn the various job skills of the television newsgathering and production industry and to help all tribal members better understand how to communicate more effectively while using the television medium; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Northwest Indian News are to create a network of American Indian newsgathering professionals dedicated to empowering all tribal members by providing a voice in the mainstream media; to tell the stories, examine the issues and to cover the events important to the culture, history and government of both the individual tribal members as well as all the tribal nations; to create a professional workforce in an industry that has been a non-traditional enterprise for tribal members; to control the messages sent out from the tribes to millions of people worldwide in a responsible, respectful and positive manner; now

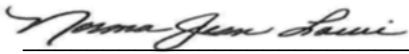
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians hereby supports this effort and recognizes the need to produce and distribute accurate, balanced, true, fair and accountable news content, by American Indian journalists and technicians, to television viewers worldwide on behalf of American Indian Nations, Tribes and Bands.

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.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary

