

2009 Winter Conference Tulalip, Washington

RESOLUTION #09 - 17

"SUPPORT FOR ATNI ENERGY PROGRAM GRANT PROPOSALS"

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 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 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and

WHEREAS, the energy industry presents opportunities for Northwest Indian Tribes and several Northwest tribes generate a major share of their tribal revenues from participation in the industry; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for Northwest Indian Tribes is only going to increase in the very near future and knowing what the energy market needs are and the laws that govern them is critical to executing this opportunities; and

WHEREAS, energy issues are national policy priority particularly in terms of stabilization of the nation's economy, development and enhancement of infrastructure, security, and climate and environmental issues; and

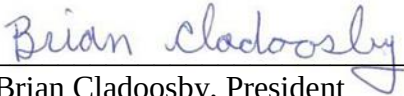
WHEREAS, as a policy priority, there are funding and grant opportunities available for energy and related issues at the Federal, State, and other levels; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Indian Tribes and ATNI must survey, take advantage of, and apply for available funding and grant opportunities to further their energy development efforts; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians does hereby support grant applications and application efforts for energy development and related issues that will benefit tribes in the region.

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