



## **2009 Annual Conference Tacoma, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #09 – 82**

#### **"RECOMMENDATION TO REQUEST THAT THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET REVISE ITS TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRIBES UNDER ARRA 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 (ARRA) which provides \$787 billion to stimulate the United States economy during this recession; and

**WHEREAS** the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) pursuant to ARRA has been given the authority to ensure that the funds have been used in the manner awarded in order to meet the Obama Administration’s objective of transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to meet the transparency objective of the Administration the OMB has mandated that any entity which has received ARRA funding will be subject to having its Single Audit published on the Recovery.gov website; and

**WHEREAS**, this will subject each Tribe receiving ARRA funding to public disclosures of proprietary and sovereign information beyond the transparency requirements of ARRA; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians does hereby urge OMB to modify its transparency requirement for Tribes receiving ARRA funds by requiring that ARRA reporting and compliance matters be placed in an addendum to the Single Audit and that the Addendum would then be published on Recovery.gov.; and

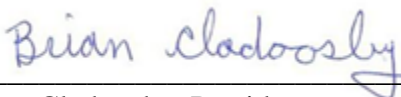
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI encourages its membership tribes to submit similar resolutions to the White House and their Congressional representation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that due to the National scope of this issue, ATNI is instructed to submit this Resolution to NCAI at the October 12<sup>th</sup> week Annual Session in Palm Springs, CA; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center, Tacoma, Washington on September 21 - 24, 2009 with a quorum present.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary