



2010 Winter Conference Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #10 - 06

IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION OF TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATIONS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 FEDERAL BUDGET

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, the ATNI supports tribal control over Indian education; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 Congress authorized appropriations for Tribal Education Departments (TED) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) (Pub. L. No. 100-297, Section 5199); and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Congress authorized appropriations for TEDs in the budget of the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) (Pub. L. No. 103-382, Section 9125); and

WHEREAS, both of these authorizations are retained in the “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) Act of 2001; and

WHEREAS, the BIA authorization is in NCLB Title X, Section 1140, currently codified at 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2020(a); and

WHEREAS, the DOE authorization is in NCLB Title VII, Section 7135, currently codified at 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7455; and

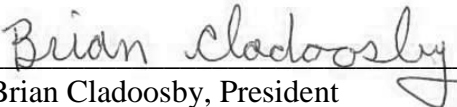
WHEREAS, in these authorizations, Congress envisions TEDs as facilitating tribal control over education, coordinating education programs, developing and enforcing tribal education codes, policies, and standards, and providing support services and technical assistance to schools and programs; and

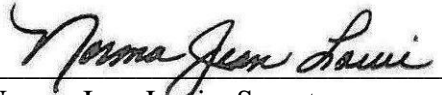
WHEREAS, securing federal funding for TEDs is critical to achieving the Congressional intent of tribal sovereignty and control over education and to secure equality in the education of Indian children; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ATNI supports the appropriation of two million dollars for both the DOI and DOE fiscal year 2011 budgets for Tribal Education Departments to ensure financial support for tribal control over education, coordinating education programs, developing and enforcing tribal education codes, policies, and standards, and providing support services and technical assistance to schools and programs.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2010 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington, February 8 - 11, 2010 with a quorum present.


Brian Cladoosby, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary