



2010 Mid-Year Conference Grand Ronde, Oregon

RESOLUTION #10 - 24

“TRIBAL TANF BLOCK GRANT

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/Alaska Natives 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, ATNI represents Tribes that offer Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, in numbers that equal over 40% of the current 63 Tribal TANF Grantees in the United States, and

WHEREAS, ATNI Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Committee provides information to ATNI Tribal TANFs so that they can provide the best services “for the benefit of the child;” and

WHEREAS, states are not required to share their Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Funds with Tribal TANFs making it difficult for tribes to serve their clients in the most difficult economic environments of the country; and

WHEREAS, tribes often must serve clients with less than 30% of comparable state funds that include federal funding; and

WHEREAS, some tribes with no state MOE share often provide services at less than \$2,200 per Assistance Unit (AU); and

WHEREAS, those states that provide some MOE to tribal TANFs, are attempting to reduce their provision of MOE to tribes, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI strongly recommends to the United States Congress that the inequities facing tribal TANFs be resolved by the direct funding of all tribal TANF programs by the Administration for Children and Families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI strongly recommends that the Tribal TANF AU (Assistance Unit) value be no less than \$8,500.00 per AU and block granted to the tribes “in the same manner as the states.”

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2010 Mid-Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, Oregon, May 17-20, 2010 with a quorum present.

Brian Cladoosby, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary