



## 2010 Mid-Year Conference Grand Ronde, Oregon

### RESOLUTION #10 - 28 "SUPPORT FOR PORTLAND AREA CHS POSITION PAPER"

#### 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/Alaska Natives in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** on January 15, 2010, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Director, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux issued a "Dear Tribal Leader Letter" announcing a Tribal consultation process for the Contract Health Service (CHS) program, for which she has requested Tribal input on issues affecting the CHS program, the CHS funding methodology, and ways to improve the way that CHS programs conduct business; and

**WHEREAS,** because the Portland Area does not have any inpatient hospitals it is highly reliant on the CHS program to purchase specialty care and inpatient services and is considered to be a CHS Dependent Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has developed a Portland Area position to respond to Dr. Roubideaux's January 15<sup>th</sup> letter, in which Portland Tribes have outlined concerns around CHS issues that include:

1. Workgroup process issues associated with the 2001 CHS Workgroup.
2. The lack of Tribal consultation in implementing the 2001 Workgroup formula.
3. CHS funding and formula considerations.
4. Recommendation to develop a workgroup to address all resources to fund health care in the IHS system; and

**WHEREAS**, this Portland Area position paper is a preliminary step to compiling the concerns of Northwest Tribes and there could be additional issues of concern brought by Tribes individually and that could be added to the position paper; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI and its member Tribes adopt the recommendations included the Portland Area CHS Position Paper, which were transmitted to the IHS Director on March 19, 2010.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2010 Mid-Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Spirit Mountain Hotel Resort in Grand Ronde, Oregon, on May 17-20, 1010 with a quorum present.

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Brian Cladoosby, President

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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary