



## 2010 Mid-Year Conference Grand Ronde, Oregon

### RESOLUTION #10 - 32

#### “SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL TRIBAL PRIORITIES FOR INDIAN EDUCATION”

### 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/Alaskan 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**, with President Obama’s Memorandum on Tribal Consultation, the U.S. Department of Education established a Consultation Policy and collaborated with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and National Indian Education Association (NIEA) to sponsor four Consultation Sessions in Indian Country in Spring 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCAI and NIEA jointly formed an Indian Education Task Force and developed the “National Tribal Priorities for Indian Education” in preparation of the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA); now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI hereby supports the joint NCAI and NIEA “National Tribal Priorities for Indian Education,” which was repeatedly referenced during the Consultation Sessions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI requests that the U.S. Department of Education requires States to hold local education agencies accountable, where 93% of Native students attend, to implement co-governance with Indian Tribes/Alaskan Natives particularly with funding of the Title I, Title VII–Indian Education, and Title VIII–Impact Aid Programs; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges the U.S. Department of Education to consult with the expertise of the NCAI, NIEA and Indian Tribes/Alaskan Natives in the ESEA Reauthorization and any other related policy initiatives to support the unique and culturally related needs of Native students from early childhood to life-long learning.

#### **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.

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Brian Cladoosby, President

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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary