



2010 Mid Year Conference Grand Ronde, Oregon

RESOLUTION #10 - 39

“DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TRIBAL NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REGION 10 TRIBAL REPRESENTATION”

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, on February 19, 2010, the Department of Justice announced the creation of the Justice Department’s Tribal Nations Leadership Council (TNLC), a group

of tribal leaders from around the country that will advise them on issues critical to tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the TNLC, which will meet twice a year, will be composed of one Tribal leader from each of the 12 regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the federally recognized tribes of ATNI located in Region 10 feel it is in the best interest of Indian Country to have Tribal representation on the TNLC; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2010, ATNI held an election to select representation to TNLC from the federally-recognized tribes in Region 10, the successful delegate is John Stensgar, Vice-Chair of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation with the alternate being W. Ron Allen, Chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe; and

WHEREAS, the federally recognized Tribes within Region 10 consist of diverse populations from the ocean to the mountains representing a vast number of tribal nations and members; and

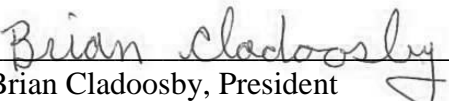
WHEREAS, the member tribes of Region 10 within ATNI respectfully request the Department of Justice honor both a delegate and an alternate attend all meetings; and


WHEREAS, the member tribes deem the allowance of an alternate Tribal representative to attend will provide assurance of Tribal leader participation for all TNLC meetings; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby respectfully request that the Department of Justice honor ATNI's member tribes of Region 10 request for both John Stensgar, Vice-Chair, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation duly elected delegate and W. Ron Allen, Chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe duly elected alternate be allowed to attend all meetings of TNLC.

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