



2010 Annual Conference Spokane, Washington

RESOLUTION #10 - 54

"REAFFIRM AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING"

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, Executive Orders, 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 to 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 and tribes 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 the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, ATNI's Natural Resources/Land Committee's mission is to assist tribal governments in preserving their sovereign right to protect and control the cultural and political integrity of their reservation homeland; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the authority and the responsibility under the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program to ensure environmental quality; and

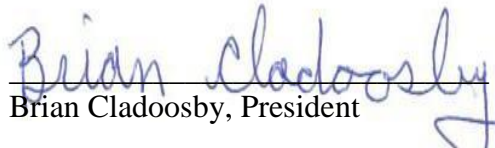
WHEREAS, the EPA has a trust responsibility and a government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is requesting \$110,000 from the EPA for the Natural Resources/Land committee to hire staff in order to increase its productivity, effectiveness and ability to coordinate with other ATNI committees, federal agencies, other governments and entities; now

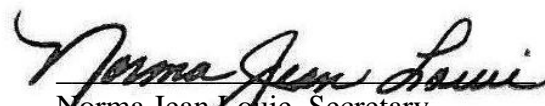
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI requests that the Environmental Protection Agency's Indian General Assistance Program approve the funding proposal submitted by the ATNI Natural Resources/Land Committee for FY 2011-2014.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2010 Annual Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino in Spokane, Washington, September 20-23, 2010 with a quorum present.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary