



2010 Annual Conference Spokane, Washington

RESOLUTION #10 - 55

“SUPPORTING S. 3752, THE “INDIAN ENERGY PROMOTION AND PARITY ACT OF 2010”

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, Senators Dorgan, Thune, Tester, Udall and Franken have co-sponsored and introduced S. 3752, the “Indian Energy Promotion and Parity Act of 2010” and have requested comments on the bill in advance of a mark-up of the bill in Committee; and

WHEREAS, ATNI staff and leadership have been involved in the development of the bill and have provided comments on the bill at every stage; now

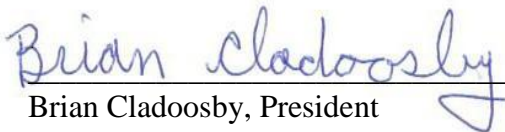
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI appreciates the work of the Co-Sponsoring Senators Dorgan, Thune, Tester, Udall and Franken and their staffs, and other members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, for their significant investment of time given to meet with tribes across the United States to take our comments on the improvements needed in the national Indian energy policy and then to formulate the subject bill; and

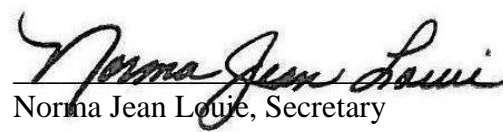
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the bill becomes law it will significantly improve the opportunities for Indian Tribes to develop and manage their energy resources and to improve tribal energy efficiency programs that will save money, improve the environment, and decrease our carbon footprints and create jobs in Indian Country at no added costs to the federal government; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI supports and encourages the passage of this bill.

CERTIFICATION

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


Brian Cladoosby, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary