



## **2011 Winter Conference North Bend, Oregon**

### **RESOLUTION #11 - 03**

#### **"ELIMINATE EXCESSIVE IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES GRANTS UNDER SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION"**

### **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**, substance abuse and mental illness related problems, namely social, health, and educational issues, continue to plague Indian Country and is evident particularly among our Native youth and low-income families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, tribes have taken steps to prevent these related problems at the tribal, state and federal levels with resources, research and best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, to be eligible to apply and be considered for the Drug-Free Communities Grant under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a 100% in-kind contribution match must be met; and

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, for many Native communities and tribes, a number of our youth and families face a cycle of poor health, financial instability, unemployment, and low educational achievement which is also intensified by intergenerational substance abuse problems and mental illness; and

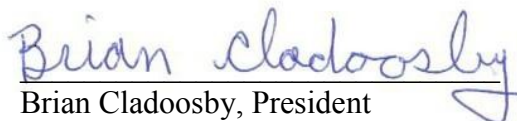
**WHEREAS**, to address the intergenerational issues of substance abuse and mental illness, it is imperative the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service and other federal agencies remove financial barriers and excessive in-kind contribution rates in order to allow tribes and organizations to strategically address these related problems at the local level; now

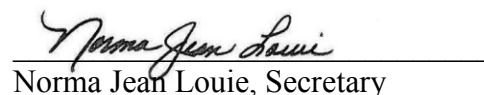
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies to eliminate the excessive In-Kind Contribution Rates, specifically the 100% Match under SAMHSA for American Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges the National Congress of American Indians and related Tribal Advisory Committees to work toward resolution of these types of excessive and extreme fiscal requirements with the appropriate federal agencies, namely Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2011 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park, North Bend, Oregon on January 30 –February 3, 2011 with a quorum present.

  
Brian Cladoosby, President

  
Norma Jean Louie, Secretary