



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

### **RESOLUTION #11 - 07**

#### **"SUPPORT FOR 2011-2015 NORTHWEST TRIBAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACTION PLAN"**

### **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**, national data suggest that substance use and abuse is a significant problem throughout Indian Country, with the following indicators as an example<sup>1</sup>:

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<sup>1</sup> National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that in 2000-2005, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, available [www.oas.samhsa.gov](http://www.oas.samhsa.gov), last accessed January 25, 2011.

- Nationally American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) youth aged 12 or older are more likely than members of other racial groups to have used an illicit drug at least once in the past year (18.4 vs. 14.6 percent) and to have a past year illicit drug use disorder (5.0 vs. 2.9 percent);
  - 13.5% of AI/ANs aged 12 or older used marijuana in the past year compared with 10.6% of members of other racial groups;
  - 3.5% of AI/ANs used cocaine compared with 2.4% of other racial groups;
  - 2.7% of AI/ANs used hallucinogens compared with 1.7% of other racial groups;
  - 1.3% of AI/ANs used inhalants compared with .9% of other racial groups.
- ; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally, AI/ANs also have substantially higher rates of methamphetamine abuse reported at 1.7% of “past year methamphetamine use,” as compared to other ethnicity groups: Whites (0.7%), Hispanics (0.5%), Asians (0.2%) and African-Americans (0.1%); and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Tribal Substance Abuse Action Plan is the product of a collaborative, intertribal, year-long planning process initiated by members of the Northwest Native Adolescent Health Alliance; and

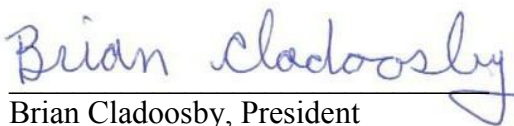
**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the five-year plan is to reduce the abusive use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among AI/ANs living in the Pacific Northwest by increasing tribal capacity and improving intertribal collaboration; now

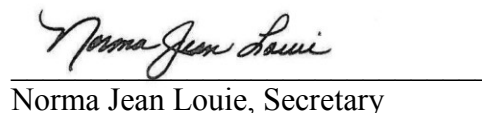
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby support and endorse the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board 2011-2015 Northwest Tribal Substance Abuse Action Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI recommends that the 2011-2015 Northwest Tribal Substance Abuse Action Plan be actively used by members of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board to guide program planning, support community outreach efforts, and foster a coordinated response to substance use in our tribal communities.

### 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