



2011 Winter Conference North Bend, Oregon

RESOLUTION #11 - 08

“US CENSUS DESIGNATED PLACES (CDPs)”

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/Alaska 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, The US Census is responsible for providing five data areas of information:

1. Total USA Population;
2. Total Population by Race (AIAN/white);
3. Total Population by Ethnicity (Hispanic);
4. Population of Voting (18 and over);
5. Housing Unit Status (Vacant and Occupied).

; and

WHEREAS, The US Census creates CDPs, which are defined cooperatively by state and local officials and the Census Bureau guidelines; and

WHEREAS, CDPs are unincorporated cities or towns that must be wholly contained within one county polygon (no crossing boundaries), must represent a single distinct community; and these communities may receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Federal Funds Report explains how much each County receives from their CDPs; and


WHEREAS, the Counties are given federal funds for CDPs in their boundaries for purpose of infrastructure (water, sewer, power), fire district, and school districts; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby, strongly urge states and counties to embrace the principles of self-government of Tribes to ensure Tribal representation in the development, planning and final recommendations for the implementation and an assessment of the redistricting; and

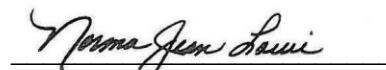
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI asserts that the US Census Bureau has the responsibility to fulfill the Federal Trust Responsibility of the US Government to include Federally Recognized Tribes in the distribution of the Census Designated Places funds.

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