



## 2011 Winter Conference North Bend, Oregon

### RESOLUTION #11 - 09

#### “TRIBAL CONSULTATION IN THE US CENSUS REDISTRICTING”

### 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**, for the first time in the history of the US Census Bureau, Federally Recognized Tribes have been invited to engage in the US Census Redistricting process, which

involves recommendations to redraw (redistrict) congressional and legislative boundaries for state, county and cities; and

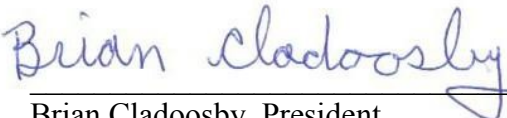
**WHEREAS**, the US Census Bureau states, “*redistricting is the process of revising the geographic boundaries of areas from which people elect representatives to the U.S. Congress, a state legislature, a county or city council, a school board, and the like, to meet the legal requirement that such areas be as equal in population as possible following a census;*” and

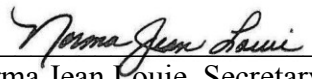
**WHEREAS**, in the past, Redistricting authority has been left to the discretion of the states without consultation with Tribes; therefore, the Redistricting process determines by each state may have negative implications for Tribes and Tribal communities; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI hereby urges the US Census Bureau to ensure the States and Counties implement the President’s Executive Order 13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, dated November 6, 2000) to guarantee Tribal Representation in all phases leading to redistricting.

**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.

  
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Brian Cladoosby, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary