



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

### **RESOLUTION #11 – 21**

#### **"ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE A SIXTH YEAR FOR THE REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY SERVING THE NORTHWEST"**

#### **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**, Education Northwest has been the regional educational laboratory for the northwest region and has been a valued partner of ATNI for more than forty years in benefiting the education and well being of American Indian/Alaska Native children; and

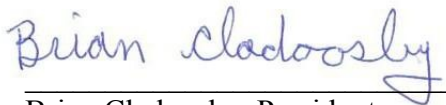
**WHEREAS**, during this period Northwest Tribes and Alaska Natives have been active partners in several projects; i.e., Northwest Indian Reading Series, Indian Education training and technical assistance, Native Education research, Advisory Board members, ATNI presentations, and more in order to keep up to date on current education initiatives at the federal level; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby declares that a legislative emergency exists in federal FY11 educational appropriations language that could jeopardize this continued partnership; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI requests Congress to authorize a sixth year of operations for the regional educational laboratory serving the education laboratories, including the northwest laboratory, by inserting the following language into the FY11 appropriations for the national and regional educational laboratory program, *“That, notwithstanding section 174(d) and (e) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C. 9564), \$69,650,000 may be used to continue the contracts for the Regional Educational Laboratories for one additional year.”*

#### 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