



## **2011 Mid-Year Conference Worley, Idaho**

### **RESOLUTION #11 - 26**

### **"SUPPORT FOR OREGON HOUSE BILL 2566 OREGON TRIBES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION"**

#### **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**, the State of Oregon currently recognizes a property tax exemption for fee lands owned by federal, state and local governments, and by certain charitable organizations, but does not recognize any such exemption for tribal government-owned fee lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington amended RCW 84.36.010 in 2004 exempting “all property belonging exclusively to any federally recognized Indian tribe located in the state, if that property is used exclusively for essential government services;” and


**WHEREAS**, the State of Oregon has been presented with House Bill 2566 which would “Exempts from taxation property, owned, acquired or possessed by Indian tribe in Oregon or by entity owned by Indian tribe in Oregon if property is used for government services;” and

**WHEREAS**, it is consistent with the government-to-government values embodied in Oregon law to extend this exemption to Indian tribal governments; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby support Oregon House Bill 2566.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2011 Mid-Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Coeur d’Alene Casino and Resort in Worley, Idaho, May 16-19, 2011 with a quorum present.

  
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Brian Cladoosby, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary