



2011 Mid-Year Conference Worley, Idaho

RESOLUTION #11 - 28

“SUPPORT FOR THE BOARDING SCHOOLS HEALING COALITION”

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 devastating effects of the misguided boarding school policy of the 19th and 20th centuries continues to be manifested among Native American individuals, communities, tribes, rancherias, pueblos and Alaskan villages and the subsequent cycle of pain and recurring abuse and neglect must be broken; and

WHEREAS, a Boarding School Healing Symposium was convened on May 14-15, 2011 in Boulder, Colorado to initiate a convocation of individuals who have been working with, writing about, or working toward resolution of issues related to the boarding school policy; and

WHEREAS, an outcome of the symposium was the formation of a Boarding School Healing Coalition which has identified the following purposes:

1. To identify specific goals, and agree on a strategy to secure a meaningful apology to the Native American individuals, communities, tribes, rancherias, pueblos and Alaska villages victimized by the policies' deliberate goal of cultural genocide;
 2. To secure adequate resources to support healing in those communities impacted by these related policies;
 3. To provide mechanisms to seek redress for individuals and/or communities who need or want redress;
 4. To provide mutual support to the efforts of those working toward these issues and coordinate goals; and
 5. To advocate for the needed language, cultural, social/psychological, health, legislative, legal, educational, media, and funding necessary to carry such a strategy forward.
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WHEREAS, Northwest tribes provided financial support for this convocation to begin preliminary plans for a Boarding School Healing strategy; now

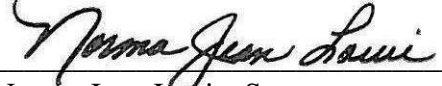
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the purpose and efforts of the Boarding School Healing Coalition and recommends a report at a future ATNI Conference.

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.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary