



2011 Mid-Year Conference Worley, Idaho

RESOLUTION #11 - 30

"HALL OF AMERICAN INDIAN HEROES"

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, during the 200th Anniversary of the U. S. Constitution (1987-89), the U.S. Congress enacted Senate Concurrent Resolution #76 and House Concurrent Resolution #331, both which proclaimed and recognized that the American Indians, by and through the Iroquois and Choctaw Confederacies, were role-models for the popular-sovereignty incorporated into the constitutional government created by the United States (1787-89); and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Veterans of the United States have been recognized as supportive of the United States and have been known to have fought in every war since 1812; and

WHEREAS, American Indian Veterans have served with honor and courage with many being commemorated with medals substantiating their valor, including the American Indian Code Talkers of World War I and World War II; and

WHEREAS, the United States, under the President as Commander in Chief, has successfully removed a threat to world safety and peace by eliminating Osama Bin Laden as head of a major international terrorist organization; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of Indian Country that Osama Bin Laden was co-named "Geronimo" and that once he was successfully eliminated that the reply was that "Geronimo" was taken, removed, or killed; and

WHEREAS, Indian Country was also notified that the whole operation to finally take out Osama Bin Laden was code-named "Geronimo;" and

WHEREAS, regardless of which news and media releases regarding this controversy are correct, it is the intent and purpose of Indian Country to address this matter with the President and Congress to strive toward assurance that no future misunderstandings, such as this, shall transpire again; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2009 the House of Representatives honored the life and memory of the Chiricahua Apache leader Goyathlay or Goyaale, also known as Geronimo, and recognizing the 100th anniversary of his death on February 17, 2009, as a time of reflection and the commencement of a "Healing" for all Apache; and

WHEREAS, the United States has extended support of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; now


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI recommends that the U.S. Senate and House support the campaign to secure a proclamation to develop a Native American Indian Hall of Heroes in cooperation with the Director of the Museum of the American Indians and Indian Country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the listing of Native American Heroes shall be honored, respected and not used in any defamatory manner that would cause injury to Indian Country; and

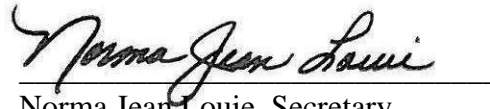
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI calls upon other intertribal regional and national organizations to support this initiative and notify the members of the House and Senate of their support.

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