



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

### **RESOLUTION #11 - 32**

#### **“RECOMMENDATION FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA TO ADDRESS CONCERNS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13175 ON TRIBAL CONSULTATION”**

##### **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**, in recognition of the unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribal governments each President since 1994 has established an Administrative Policy requiring tribal consultation for the heads of Executive Departments and Agencies directing them to consult with tribal governments prior to taking actions that affect federally recognized tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States policy for tribal consultation is formalized through Presidential Executive Orders No. 13084 (May 14, 1998) and 13175 (November 6, 2000) and have been reinforced by the November 5, 2009, Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on Tribal Consultation from President Obama; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy for tribal consultation marks an era of formalizing government-to-government relationships between the United States and Tribal governments and has been beneficial when implemented to address policies that have tribal implications for both the United States government and Indian Tribes; and


**WHEREAS**, over the last twenty years, tribes have identified challenges that have hindered fully implementing tribal consultation in an effective and meaningful way and these issues could be addressed by the current Administration by updating the standing Executive Order on Tribal Consultation; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges President Obama to address tribal concerns with key provisions in the Executive Order on Tribal Consultation (No. 13175) by reconfirming and reissuing the Executive Order or by clarifying these provisions through a statement of administrative policy.

#### 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