



2011 Mid-Year Conference Worley, Idaho

RESOLUTION #11 - 34

"RECOMMENDATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) TO SEEK TRIBAL CONSULTATION PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES"

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 effective to address policies that have tribal implications for both the United States government and Indian Tribes; and

WHEREAS, SAMHSA issues large block grants to States that are intended to provide resources to the residents of the respective States, including AI/AN populations; and

WHEREAS, States often receive federal resources intended for their entire population, but leave out the priorities of tribal populations and make little or no effort to consult with tribes on priority areas; now

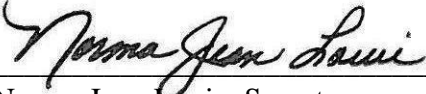
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI urges SAMHSA stipulate in block grants to States that States must conduct a consultation process with Tribes to identify priority areas for AI/AN populations and develop specific objectives to commensurate with the results of the consultation.

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