



2011 Mid-Year Conference Worley, Idaho

RESOLUTION #11 - 41

"SENATE COMMITTEE LISTENING SESSION REQUEST"

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 national and regional energy industry present opportunities for Northwest Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, many tribes in the Northwest generate a major share of their tribal revenue from participation in the energy industry; and

WHEREAS, and energy development opportunities for Northwest Indian Tribes are increasing and the laws that govern energy issues need to be aligned to support tribal energy development; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has actively engaged ATNI on energy issues and has conducted listening sessions with Northwest Tribes on energy issues; now

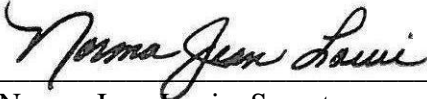
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI requests the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs conduct and participate in a listening session with Northwest Tribal leaders at the ATNI Energy and Economic Summit during the week of June 6, 2011 at Quinault Beach Resort, Ocean Shores, Washington.

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