



2011 Annual Conference Tulalip, Washington

RESOLUTION #11 - 47

"SUPPORT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY"

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 ATNI was instrumental in promoting and helping to establish the Native American Heritage Day and having that day recognized as the day following Thanksgiving Day; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Heritage Day was signed as Public Law 111-33 by President Barack Obama on June 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Native American Heritage Day be recognized by all citizens of the United States; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby promote that Native American Heritage Day be recognized on all calendars so that this Day will be memorialized for all future generations; and

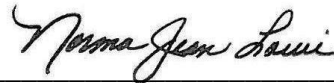
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby requests the National Congress of American Indians and other national and regional tribal organizations join in the promotion of Native American Heritage Day to be identified on all calendars.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2011 Annual Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, Washington, September 19-22, 2011 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary