



2011 Annual Conference Tulalip, Washington

RESOLUTION #11 - 50

"SUPPORT FOR AN ATNI YOUTH ROUNDTABLE"

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, tribal youth are impacted by many critical issues and challenges that weren't experienced by previous generations, while also being affected by historical trauma; and

WHEREAS, tribal youth also have a wide array of new opportunities available to them and have the capability to be outstanding leaders in their schools, families, and community; and

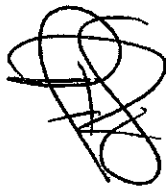
WHEREAS, to thoroughly address the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities, tribal youth and leaders must work together to identify the best solutions and strategies; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby call for an "ATNI Youth Roundtable" to be held at the 2012 Mid-Year ATNI Conference to discuss the needs of tribal youth in the Northwest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges member Tribes to sponsor an adult representative and a youth representative to contribute to the Youth Roundtable.

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