



2011 Annual Conference Tulalip, Washington

RESOLUTION #11 - 55

“REQUEST TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION REPORT TO CONGRESS”

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, ATNI supports education efforts that increase the opportunity for Indian students, families, tribes, and communities to improve their lives economically, academically, socially, and culturally; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a federal trust responsibility to educate Native Americans through the provision of funding, programs, and other assistance; and

WHEREAS, the education of American Indian and Alaska Native AI/AN students is an issue of national importance as well as an issue of paramount importance to AI/AN tribes and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Education Act of 1972, P.L. No. 92-318, 86 Stat. 235 established the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), members to be appointed by the President of the United States, with the responsibility to advise the Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education (U.S DOE) on the administration and funding of all American Indian and Alaska Native education programs; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration appointed the members of NACIE, which adopted a Charter setting a deadline date of June 30, 2011 for the submission of its required Annual Report to Congress; and

WHEREAS, there has been no Congressional report published since 2006-07; and

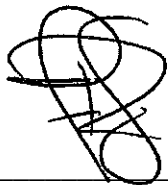
WHEREAS, dissemination of the policy recommendations of the NACIE for American Indian and Alaska Native education is critical for AI/AN communities, policy makers, and stakeholders in the planning and preparation of policy reform; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the immediate release to the general public of the NACIE report on the Congressional recommendations related to AI/AN education; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby urges the U.S. DOE to immediately release the NACIE report to Congress and to the general public.

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