



## **2011 Annual Conference Tulalip, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #11 - 64**

#### **"SUPPORT OF THE 2011 FARM BILL"**

##### **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**, Congress is considering a bill for legislation covering a variety of federal programs to assist Rural America and by inclusion many Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, these programs and the funding provided by them provide critical resources for the economic, social, and environmental advancement of Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, such a bill is commonly referred to as “The Farm Bill;” now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby support the Farm Bill being considered by Congress; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI encourages Congress to pass the Farm Bill; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that ATNI requests that Tribes be included for direct access as eligible applicants to the Agencies, Programs, and Resources included in the Farm Bill.

**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.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary