



## 2012 Mid-Year Convention Lincoln City, Oregon

### RESOLUTION #12 - 24

#### "SUPPORTING EXPEDITIOUS SENATE PASSAGE OF THE HEARTH ACT"

#### PREAMBLE

We the members of 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**, 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 ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership Act of 2012 ("HEARTH Act"), has been pending in Congress for more than two years and would, if enacted, benefit Indian tribes by authorizing them to lease tribal trust lands without the review or approval of the Interior Secretary under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2012, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed the House version of the HEARTH Act, H.R. 205, with 400 yea votes and zero nays; and

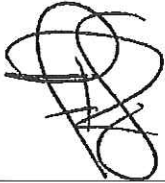
**WHEREAS**, HEARTH Act, H.R. 205 was referred to the U.S. Senate but instead of being considered by the full U.S. Senate, was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, HEARTH Act, H.R. 205 would benefit ATNI member tribes and should be considered and passed by the full U.S. Senate without delay; now

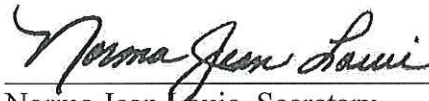
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, ATNI requests that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs immediately discharge HEARTH Act, H.R.205 to allow the full U.S. Senate to consider and pass it.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Oregon, May 21-24, 2012, with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary