



## **2012 Mid-Year Convention Lincoln City, Oregon**

### **RESOLUTION #12 - 26**

#### **“SUPPORT FOR THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS IN THE 112<sup>TH</sup> 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**, it is broadly understood and been demonstrated through statistical analysis that American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people experience disproportionately higher rates of health disparities than other groups of people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Health Board has requested views of tribes about what should be the position of Tribes on issues in the upcoming reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians ((SDPI) in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI, as well as tribes nationally, have taken a position on the reauthorization of the SDPI following its expiration in FY2008 and since only extensions of the program have been granted by Congress without a multi-year reauthorization of the program, then ATNI continues to stand on the previous resolutions (see attached) adopted by ANTI, the National Congress of American Indians and the NPAIHB; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI continue to support the following legislative objectives for the reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians: (1) a reauthorization of \$200 million for a period of five years; (2) that funding allocations for the newly authorized program be made through Tribal consultation, and (3) funding provided by the SDPI be subject to contracting requirements under P.L. 93-638; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI recognize that the current fiscal climate and budgetary needs are challenging and urge that if these requested funding amounts and years cannot be achieved that Indian Country stand firm that the funding level not be lower than the existing \$150 million a year for a period of at least two years.

**CERTIFICATION**

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



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary