



## 2012 Mid-Year Convention Lincoln City, Oregon

### RESOLUTION #12 - 35

#### “SUPPORTING POLICY AMENDMENT FOR WEATHERIZATION FUNDING DIRECT TO TRIBES”

#### 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 the ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest tribes are active participants in the energy industry as energy project owners, resource developers, energy efficiency and conservation managers, and as energy consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, the energy industry is and will be a critical component of our national, regional and local economic development efforts by providing opportunities for workforce and business development, energy and science education, and other measures to increase tribal capacity for jobs and opportunities in the energy industry; and

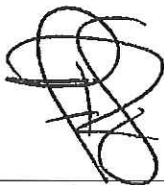
**WHEREAS**, the immediate opportunities for capacity building, economic and business development, and sustainability exist through energy efficiency and conservation and weatherization; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, ATNI recognizes that energy efficiency is a core component of a sustainable energy program that can reduce both the amount and costs of energy consumption and raise the quality of life in Indian communities, and ATNI strongly supports direct federal funding for increased funding for tribal energy efficiency programs; and

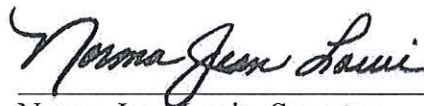
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that ATNI supports and encourages the energy efficiency, conservation and weatherization funding be made available directly to tribes.

#### 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