



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

### **RESOLUTION #12 - 37**

#### **“SUPPORT OF AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATION IN URBAN COMMUNITIES”**

#### **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**, through its unique relationship with Indian nations and tribes, the federal government has established programs and resources to meet the educational needs of American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, residing on and off their reserved or non-reserved homelands; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 US Census publication, [Facts for Features: American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month: November 2011](#), reports that 22% percent of AI/AN's live on reservation and/or off-reservation trust lands; this suggests that 78% of AI/AN's do not live on reservation and/or off-reservation trust lands; and

**WHEREAS**, Native Urban Educators serve the needs of the children of our sovereign Native nations residing in urban and suburban schools and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, 92% of Native students are in public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, meeting the needs of Urban Native Learners requires strong collaborations and partnerships with Tribal government, Tribal Entities and peoples; and

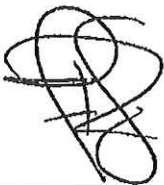
**WHEREAS**, there is no national data on the numbers of Native learners in urban and suburban centers; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby support American Indian/Alaska Native Education in Urban Communities; and

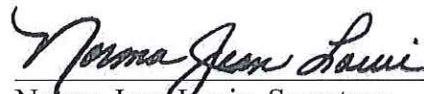
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI hereby requests the National Congress of American Indians and other national and regional tribal organizations join in the support of American Indian/Alaska Native Education in urban communities.

#### CERTIFICATION

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



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary