



## **2012 Annual Convention Pendleton, Oregon**

### **RESOLUTION #12 - 46**

#### **“OPPOSITION TO OREGON BALLOT MEASURES 82 AND 83”**

##### **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**, each of the nine (9) federally recognized tribes in Oregon have established and operate a single casino pursuant to a Tribal – State Gaming Compact to provide employment opportunities and revenue to support their Tribal Governmental operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Constitution prohibits the Legislature from permitting casinos within the State of Oregon, but State law does permit limited gaming in bars and taverns, which provides revenues that support state government programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Measures 82 and 83 are on the Oregon ballot in November 2012, which Ballot Measures would authorize a private casino at the Multnomah Greyhound Racetrack in Wood Village, a suburb of Portland, Oregon, for the benefit of private investors; and

**WHEREAS**, if these ballot measures pass, it creates a dangerous precedent for Indian Gaming because there is the potential that other private investors or corporations could develop other casinos in Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of Ballot Measures 82 and 83 would change the delicate balance of gaming that the State of Oregon and its nine sovereign tribal nations have created to provide for their citizens; and

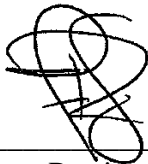
**WHEREAS**, if Ballot Measures 82 and 83 pass, the potential proliferation of private casinos in Oregon could also adversely affect Tribal casinos in Washington, Idaho and Northern California; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby oppose Ballot Measures 82 and 83; and

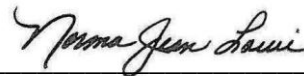
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI stands united against commercial casino development in Oregon and directs its Executive Officers and its staff to encourage Oregonians to vote "NO" on Ballot Measures 82 and 83.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Wildhorse Resort and Casino, Pendleton, Oregon on September 24 – 27, 2012 with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary