2012 Annual Convention
Pendleton, Oregon

RESOLUTION #12 - 51

"CREATION OF A INTERTRIBAL JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE"

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, Tribal law enforcement agencies in the states where Tribes associated with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are located and operate at a significant disadvantage to their state, county, and local law enforcement counterparts; and

WHEREAS, the problems faced by Indian County law enforcement entities stem from inadequate state and national representation as a group, adverse state and federal court decisions regarding jurisdiction and police powers, the absence of an Inter-Tribal Police coordination function, and lack of access to specialized funding for issues such as drug and gang enforcement; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI endorses the proposed creation of a Intertribal Joint Law Enforcement Task Force per the attached proposal document (Problem Statement and Proposals in support of ATNI Tribal Law Enforcement), and encourage the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS) to interface with this effort as described in Option # 3 of the attached.

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.

Fawn Sharp, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary