



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

### **RESOLUTION #12 - 65**

#### **“VETERANS MEMORIAL”**

### **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**, the state of Oregon has no WWII memorial and participant volunteers are seeking donations for the purpose of establishing a WWII memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol of Oregon in Salem, proposed for November 2013, This monument will honor Veterans who have served, including Native warriors of Oregon Tribes and surrounding nations; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon WWII Memorial Foundation will utilize warriors and volunteers of Indian Nations to dedicate this monument and seeking the endorsement of ATNI Veterans Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon WWII Memorial Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, has already received donations from an Oregon Tribe and is looking for support and donations from other Oregon Tribes and any tribal nations that may support this memorial; and

**WHEREAS**, those who support and donate in the name of a WWII Veteran will receive a certificate honoring that Veteran; the memorial wall will only contain the 3,757 names of those veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

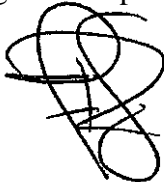
**WHEREAS**, knowledge of any Native Warrior of the WWII Theater can be submitted to the Oregon WWII Memorial Foundation and the names of those who donate \$5000.00 or more will be included on a plaque mounted on the memorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cow Creek tribe has already donated and will receive that recognition; now

**THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that we the body of the Veterans Committee urge ATNI to endorse these well-known members of the Oregon WWII Memorial Foundation as networkers of Native American Warriors and Veterans and their endeavors to the WWII memorial for Oregon State.

### **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