



2013 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #13 - 11

“SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TRIBAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC GROWTH ACT”

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 Council of Energy Resource Tribes has prepared, with the assistance of Robert Martin (Makah), the proposed "Tribal Resources Economic Growth Act" in Discussion Draft form to streamline environmental and energy planning on Indian lands; to reinstate

permanently certain tax incentives on Indian lands and to create new tax parities for Indian tribes; to establish new demonstration programs to protect Tribal resources on Indian lands and all forms of energy development as well as other renewable and innovative technologies and otherwise to protect tribal and Alaska Native Village communities from environmental harms; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Resources and Economic Growth Act, if introduced as legislation in the United States Congress and duly enacted, will have an important role in promoting tribal welfare, economic and energy development, and appears to be gaining strong bi-partisan support and is deserving of tribal support to ensure strong consideration in the Congress; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the proposed Tribal Resources and Economic Growth Act for strong consideration, and, as appropriate, introduction and enactment, in the United States Congress, for the policy reasons cited above; and to further tribal sovereignty through energy development.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington, on January 28 – 31, 2013 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary