



## **2013 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA**

### **RESOLUTION #13 - 22**

#### **“OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION IN NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING – WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE 2014”**

#### **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 United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 65/198 entitled “Indigenous Issues,” which called for convening a high-level plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly in 2014 to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, paragraph 8 of resolution 65/198 set the main objective of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples to exchange “perspectives and best practices on the realization of the rights of

indigenous peoples including to pursue the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples” (adopted by the UN General Assembly, 2007); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 the President of the UN General Assembly did appoint Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico) and Mr. John Henricksen (Saami Parliament, Norway) as facilitators for the World Conference preparations; and

**WHEREAS**, the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues accepted coordinating responsibility for indigenous peoples’ participation in the World Conference and accordingly recognized the formation of the Indigenous Global Coordinating Group in May 2012 to include delegations from North America, Asia, Eastern Europe and Russia, the Arctic Region, Pacific Region, Central, South America and Caribbean, and the Women’s Caucus and Youth Caucus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Global Coordinating Group serves as the international mechanism for organizing Indigenous Peoples’ participation in the World Conference and reviewing and reporting the priority topics from regional indigenous peoples’ preparatory meetings to the World Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Global Coordinating Group will convene the North American World Conference on Indigenous Peoples’ Preparatory Conference, at Sycuan in the Kumeyaay Nation (California) on February 2013 and a North American Indigenous Caucus on March 3-4, to formalize North American Indigenous Peoples’ policy priorities to be considered through the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples process; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that the policies resulting from the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples shall address steps to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, it is furthermore understood that the implementation policies from the UN sponsored World Conference on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples are expected to have a direct influence on the policies of the United States government and on the policies of Indian and Alaska Native governments; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby officially recognize the North American World Conference on Indigenous Peoples’ Preparatory Conference and does hereby affirm the importance of member governments drawing on the ATNI recommended policies considered and approved by the General Assembly; and that member governments will endorse and advocate such policies at the North American World Conference on Indigenous Peoples’ Preparatory Conference as noted herein.

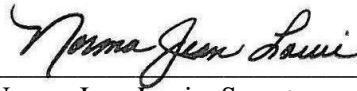
**CERTIFICATION**

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.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary