



2013 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #13 - 24

“SETTING WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES POLICY PRIORITIES FOR 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 and 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 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, ATNI will benefit from member governments participating in the Global Coordinating Group sponsored North American Regional Preparatory Conference for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples scheduled for 2014; and

WHEREAS, establishing priority topics and policies representing the aspirations and interests of member governments for the said Regional Conference is essential to advancing the sovereignty of member governments; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby encourage all Tribes who wish to play a participatory role in setting a global indigenous agenda out of the Northwest, to hold workshops for interested elected officials and members of their communities to communicate the link between such participation and protecting our sovereignty and our future at home; and

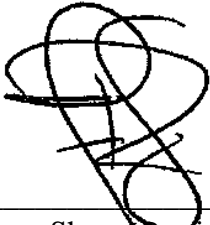
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby suggest and affirm that the following topics and policies will be advocated by member governments attending the North American Regional Preparatory Conference at Sycuan, Kumeyaay Nation in February 2013 recognizing that joint topics and policies will be blended with the policies and topics presented by Indian governments from other Countries through a process leading to discussions and actions at the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in September 2014 at the

United Nations headquarters in New York City; the Topics and Policies we will advance include, but are not limited to:

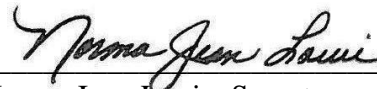
1. Elimination of violence against women in indigenous nations through States' (Countries') government respect of indigenous nation jurisdiction to protect native women against violence through adoption of universally applied laws.
2. Respect indigenous land rights and authority to regulate land and resources.
3. Intergovernmental negotiations of Taxation Compact and Trust Relations based on the principle of free, prior and informed consent.
4. Affirm States' (Countries') government responsibility to ensure economic and social financial and institutional resources sufficient to elevate the social, economic, political and cultural development of indigenous peoples to a position of equality with non-indigenous populations.

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