



## **2013 Mid-Year Convention Airway Heights, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #13 - 51**

#### **“CALLING FOR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS TO REVIEW THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION TO PROTECT OUR TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY”**

#### **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

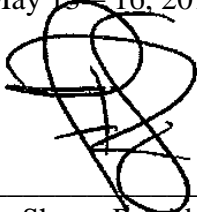
**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, with a unanimous vote by the Tribal Employment Rights Committee, we feel that it is in the best interest of the Tribes to deny the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) at this time due to the multitude of subjective language, unanswered questions and the lack of legal verbiage to protect our sovereignty that were presented in the session held May 14, 2013, and require that EEOC do the Government-to-Government Consultation as required; now

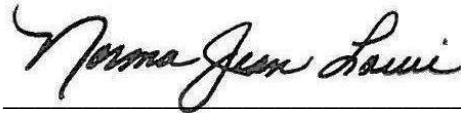
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby deny the signing of the EEOC MOU and requires the EEOC schedule Government-to-Government Consultation with said Tribal Nations.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 13 - 16, 2013 with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary