



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

### **RESOLUTION #13 - 62**

#### **“CENTER FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN”**

#### **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**, our people continue to struggle with addictions to drugs and alcohol and our families are suffering from the generational effects of those addictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the healing of our people is our highest wish now and for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate each and every individual who takes their first steps to overcome addiction and wish to support them in the best way we are able; and

**WHEREAS**, the Healing Lodge currently offers culturally based inpatient treatment to about 360 Native youth ages 13-17; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to strengthen and extend the recovery process for these youth to include residential intensive outpatient services, to provide meaningful transitional recovery services prior to returning to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the consortium of seven Tribal Nations from Idaho, Washington and Oregon is initiating a capital campaign to raise \$10,000,000 to construct the Center for Youth Empowerment Transitional facility in order to serve an estimated two hundred additional youth with culturally based residential transitional treatment approaches; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI and member tribes strongly encourage all member tribes to ask their councils to consider providing financial support for this intertribal effort on behalf of Native Youth to expand critically needed treatment services.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Mid-year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 12-16, 2013 with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary