



## **2013 Annual Convention Worley, ID**

### **RESOLUTION #13 - 80**

#### **“ATNI CENTER FOR ENERGY INFORMATION”**

##### **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**, ATNI and the Northwest Tribes recognize the energy sector presents several opportunities for tribal participation and leadership as environmental stewards, resource managers, project owners, asset developers, and resource conservation advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to support Northwest Tribes sovereign efforts in the energy sector, ATNI has established the "ATNI Energy Program" and created a policy network through

the "ATNI Energy & Telecommunications Committee," to support tribal energy, tribal utilities, transmission planning, energy efficiency, resource conservation, natural resource protection, among other related issues; and

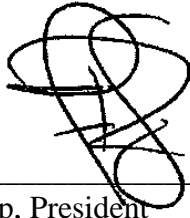
**WHEREAS**, ATNI and Northwest Tribes have developed a track record of accomplishment on tribal energy issues, tribal utilities, and tribal energy policy and now see the affirmative need to establish a resource and information center for tribes; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Northwest Tribes and ATNI do hereby endorse the creation of and pursuit of funding for an "ATNI Center for Energy Information" which will serve as a energy information library, program and policy archive, and network for regional tribal energy advocates; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI will serve as the financial, technical and organizational lead to implement, administer, and maintain the ATNI Center for Energy Information.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Coeur d'Alene Resort Hotel & Casino, Worley, Idaho on September 16 - 19, 2013, with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary