



2013 Annual Convention Worley, ID

RESOLUTION #13 - 84

“INCLUSION OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES, TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS AS ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAMS AND FUNDING”

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, Native Americans have served on a higher per capita than any other group in the United States in all wars, and branches of services; and

WHEREAS, the ATNI wishes to ensure that all Tribal veterans are afforded fair and equitable services by all federal agencies including the Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor provides Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) Grant Programs for State and other organizations that serve veterans to apply for; and

WHEREAS, in the Department of Labor, VETS Grant Programs Notice Of Funds Availability's and Request for Proposals, Federally recognized American Indian Tribes, Tribal governments or Tribal entities or organizations are not specifically indicated as being eligible organizations to apply for these funds through the Department of Labor; and

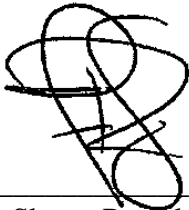
WHEREAS, States and other group organizations can apply for these funds; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby request and support the inclusion of Federally recognized Indian Tribes, Tribal governments, tribal service agencies and organizations to be included in "eligible organizations" for all Department of Labor VETS Grants Programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI shall request that the Department of Labor indicate to ATNI when this change is initiated and a timeline for the adjustments to include Federally recognized Indian Tribes, tribal governments and tribal organizations in all Department of Labor, VETS Grants Programs.

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.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary