



## **2014 Winter Convention Ferndale, WA**

### **RESOLUTION #14 - 07**

#### **“FORMAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION REQUEST ON NW ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AFFECTING TRIBAL LEGAL RIGHTS AND RESOURCES”**

##### **PREAMBLE**

We the members of 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/Alaskan 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 ATNI acknowledges the governance and administration of environmental, energy and associated economic resources within the Northwest Region can and will have dramatic effects on the Treaty and legal rights and resources secured to Tribes and their people; and

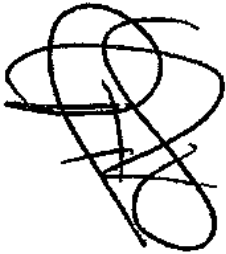
**WHEREAS**, the ATNI further acknowledge and adamantly affirm the binding legal, fiduciary, moral and ethical obligation of federal, regional and state agencies to abide by statutory, judicial and regulatory edicts enacted to preserve, protect and advance the rights and resources of Tribes and tribal communities, with and through federal executive leadership structures that include the U.S. Departments of Energy and the Interior, established regional governance structures and other regulatory mechanisms; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATNI is deeply concerned and committed to actively monitor intergovernmental policy and administrative activities and actions that may erode or adversely affect the legal rights, resources and interests that are quintessential to Tribes and are within the purview articulated in the ATNI's primary goals and objectives; now;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the ATNI hereby issues this call for formal and direct tribal government-to-government consultation with policy-level representatives that must include the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Energy; Bonneville Power Administration , and U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding the interim and formal executive, policy and governance decisions under their respective and collective purview and authority.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2014 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa, Ferndale, WA on February 17 – 20, 2014, with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary