



## **2014 Mid-Year Convention Grand Mound, WA**

### **RESOLUTION #14 - 24**

#### **“DEVELOPMENT OF A NORTHWEST TRIBAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE IN COLLABORATION WITH EDUCATION NORTHWEST”**

#### **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**, since 1966 the U.S. Department of Education has provided funding to Education Northwest, formerly known as the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory in Portland, Oregon to provide training, technical assistance and leadership at the K-12 level with State Education agencies, local education agencies, school boards, schools funded by the Bureau as appropriate, and State Boards of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Education Northwest has enjoyed a long working relationship with ATNI because of our shared region and mutual goals for the quality, equity and self-determination of educational opportunities for American Indian/Alaska Natives and K-12 students; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Advisory Council on Indian Education took action to advocate for funding to support Indian Education initiatives at the regional Education Centers, including Education Northwest; and

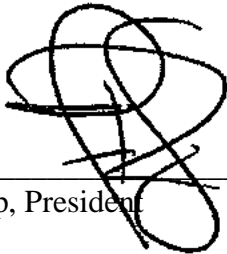
**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2014, ATNI approved Resolution #14-03 in Ferndale, WA to “Support Amendments to the Reauthorization of the Education Science Reform Act of 2002” to urge U.S. Congress to make amendments that specifically includes Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal Education Agencies as beneficiaries of the Act; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby urge Education Northwest to secure ATNI representation and involvement to ensure American Indian/Alaska Native input in developing its Indian Education initiative; and

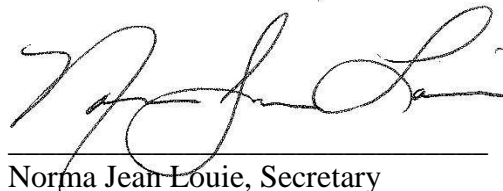
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI supports the development of a northwest Tribal Education Alliance to promote the ATNI mission with Education Northwest to advance the unique, tribal education needs of American Indian/Alaska Native students and communities.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2014 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington, on May 5 – 8, 2014 with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary