



2014 Mid-Year Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #14 - 26

“SUPPORTING NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE INTERNET GAMING”

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 supports the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Resolution on legislation to legalize Internet Gaming; confirming support and affirmation of the

six fundamental principles to be incorporated into any State or Federal internet gaming legislation as follows;

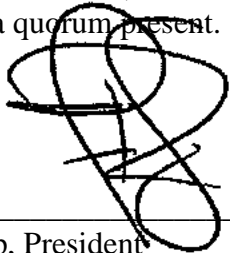
- Indian tribes are sovereign governments with a right to operate, regulate, tax, and license Internet gaming, and those rights must not be subordinated to any non-federal authority;
- Internet gaming authorized by Indian tribes must be available to customers in any locale where Internet gaming is not criminally prohibited; and
- Consistent with long-held federal law and policy, tribal revenues must not be subject to tax;
- Existing tribal government rights under Tribal-State Compacts and IGRA must be respected;
- The legislation must not open up the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for amendments; and
- Federal legalization of Internet gaming must provide positive economic benefits for Indian country; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the fundamental principles promoted by NIGA and its membership regarding legislation to legalize internet gaming that could potentially impact tribes; and

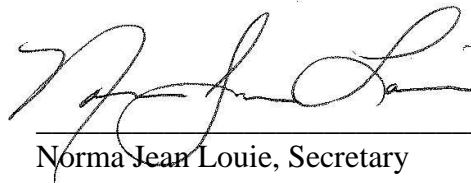
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the National Indian Gaming Association Resolution on Legislation to Legalize Internet Gaming with established principles supporting fairness, equal access in internet gaming opportunities, and consultation in any State and Federal gambling legislation that could directly impact Indian Country.

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.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary