



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

### **RESOLUTION #14 - 32**

#### **“APPROVAL OF INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY 2015 GRANT APPLICATION”**

#### **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**, Congress enacted the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) was established under this legislation to provide financial assistance to tribal governments to develop capacity to manage the implementation of tribal environmental programs; and

**WHEREAS**, both the tribes and ATNI are eligible to receive IGAP grants if the proposals meet the grant application requirements; and

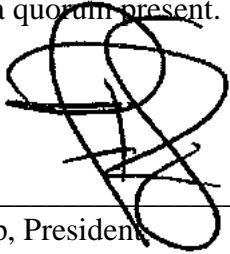
**WHEREAS**, grant applications from ATNI must also obtain resolutions of support from the Tribes it intends to serve or other written certifications from a duly authorized representative of the Tribal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Office has established funding priorities for the IGAP grants program so that Tribes receive the highest priority of funding; now

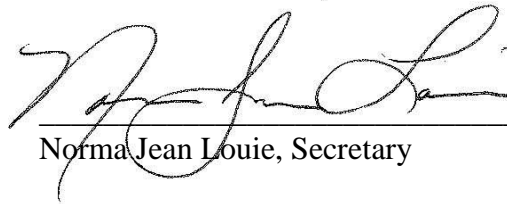
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby authorize the Indian General Assistance Program FY 2015 application, PROVIDED funds remain available after awarding grants to federally recognized tribes (both continuing grants and new applicants) that met the grant application requirements.

#### **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