



2014 Annual Convention Mission, Oregon

RESOLUTION #14 - 47

“SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY NATIVE GATHERING CENTER PROJECT”

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, the Central Washington University (CWU) is situated on ceded land of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Nation in south, central Washington; and

WHEREAS, CWU supports Native students through a wide range of programs with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fields, scholarship programs, and a Native Resource Management program; and

WHEREAS, since 2006 CWU through a Memorandum of Understanding with participating tribes has promoted collaboration with tribal expertise on fisheries management and tribal languages; and

WHEREAS, CWU Native Alumni are leading tribal nations and tribal organizations throughout the Northwest and United States; and

WHEREAS, CWU is proposing a Native Gathering Center through its strategic plan for the specific purpose of meeting the needs of Native Alumni, Native students, and the Northwest Tribal community; now

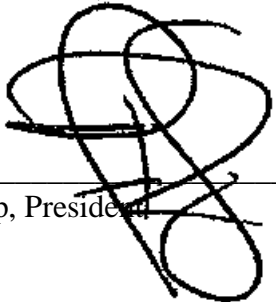
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the collaboration of Central Washington University to develop and construct a Native Gathering Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges Northwest tribes to support Central Washington University in their legislative and fund-raising advocacy effort for the Native Gathering Center; and

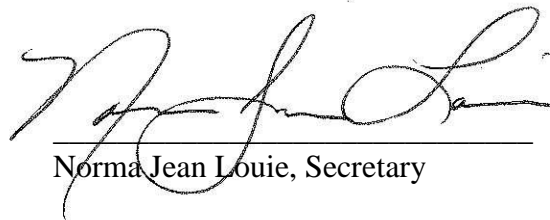
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI urges Central Washington University to provide periodic reports to the ATNI General Assembly.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2014 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino, Mission, Oregon, on September 22 – 25, 2014 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary