



2014 Annual Convention Mission, Oregon

RESOLUTION #14 - 60

“INVESTMENT IN NATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TODAY IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF OUR TRIBES”

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, during the annual ATNI 2014 Convention held in Pendleton, Oregon, a Native Youth Forum was conducted in response to tribal leadership for the Youth Committee to plan a training and to gain involvement and input from Native youth about their vision and goals; and

WHEREAS, to support the youth's sense of pride, self-identity and self-determination, the youth leadership developed and requests support of the following goals:

1. To elevate the goal for Native language revitalization, history and cultural teachings being taught the youth, it is urgent the tribes, public education and community youth organizations take a pro-active role to support this intergenerational goal; and
2. To support Native youth's vision for cultural based education and to overcome the struggles youth confront, it is critical that youth be actively engaged in accessing higher education, internship opportunities, tutoring and funding for education and on-going training to support youth as they step out of their comfort zone; and
3. To advance the life-long health and well-being of Native youth, it is urgent that youth are engaged with family counseling to support the youth's mental health, healthy and sober role models and leadership who are pro-active in the cleansing and finishing of reservation houses exposed with methamphetamine, drugs, insects, etc.; and
4. To invest in a holistic, life-long comprehensive health, education and socio-economic status of Native youth, it is essential that facilities be updated and/or expanded, including gymnasiums, schools and state of the art sports, technology and educational equipment; and

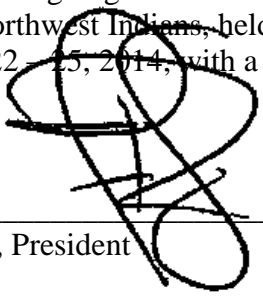
WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Native Youth Leadership Alliance and Youth and Education Committee, the goals established will be aligned with previous goals established with northwest Native youth; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby appreciate the leadership and goals established by the Native Youth Leaders along with our youth advisors for facilitating the forum in collaboration with the Native Youth Leadership Alliance, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Tribal Technical Assistance Center and applicable youth agenda goals and guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ATNI urges the tribes to support our Native Youth leadership voices' goal statement and to recognize the investment in our Native Youth Leaders of today is an investment in the overall future of our tribes.

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