



2014 Annual Convention Mission, Oregon

RESOLUTION #14 - 62

“FIRST PEOPLES’ LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND ORAL TRIBAL TRADITIONS TEACHER CERTIFICATION SENATE BILL 5269”

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 **Senate Bill 5269** - First Peoples' Language, Culture and Oral Tribal Traditions Teacher Certifications sole purpose is to provide any sovereign tribal government whose traditional lands and territories lie within the borders of the state of Washington State its due sovereign right to train and certify their Language, Culture and Oral Tribal Traditional Teachers. As any change to the bill will impact all Tribes and their language/culture programs, it is necessary for proposed changes to go through the First Peoples' Committee for approval.

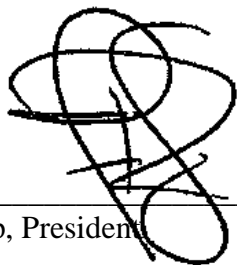
NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that any Tribe or Individual Tribal Member(s) cannot make an addendum, alterations, additions or modifications to the Senate Bill 5269 without written consent from the First Peoples' Committee, through resolution at Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby denounce and oppose any addendums, alterations, additions or modifications to the Senate Bill 5269 without the Tribe or Individual Tribal Member(s) providing a signed document from the First Peoples' Committee.

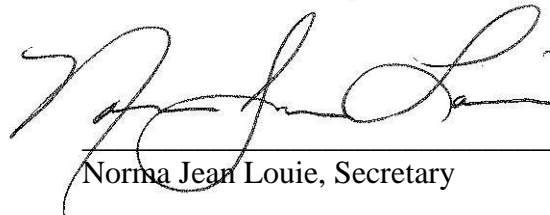
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI hold up sovereign tribal rights of all Sovereign nations whose traditional lands and territories lie within the borders of the state of Washington State its due sovereign right to train and certify their Language, Culture and Oral Tribal Traditional Teachers.

CERTIFICATION

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



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary