



## **2015 Annual Convention Spokane, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #15 - 40**

#### **“SUPPORT FOR BRING THE ANCIENT ONE HOME ACT OF 2015”**

#### **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**, in July of 1996 the skeletal remains of a human being were discovered on lands owned by the Army Corps of Engineers in the Columbia River near Kennewick, Washington, remains which proved to be over 9,000 years old and came to be known as the Ancient One; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI passed Resolution #15-37 calling on Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell to introduce legislation or secure an amendment to related legislation that will direct the Army Corps of Engineers to return Ancient One to the Claimant tribes or to the State of Washington's Historic Preservation Office so that he can be repatriated, treated in the respectful fashion that these remains deserve and properly buried, pursuant to long standing Indian practices; and

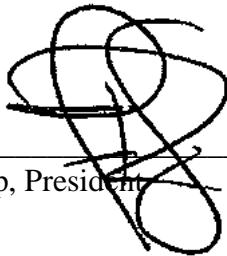
**WHEREAS**, Senator Patty Murray introduced Senate Bill 1979, the "Bring the Ancient One Home Act of 2015" in the United States Senate which directs the Chief of Engineers to transfer the Ancient One, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man, to the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to be ultimately repatriated to the tribes that have claimed him; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Indian Tribes of the Northwest, working through the ATNI, hereby support S. 1979, the Bring the Ancient One Home Act, introduced by Senator Patty Murray; and

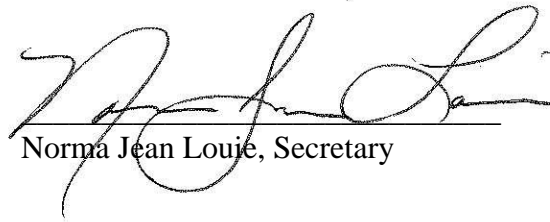
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ATNI urges the National Congress of American Indians to join in supporting this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2015 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort and Casino, Spokane, Washington on September 14-17, 2015, with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary