



2015 Annual Convention Spokane, Washington

RESOLUTION #15 - 42

“TO SUPPORT THE UNITED PARCEL SERVICE IN THE EFFORT AGAINST THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAM NAME”

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 name of the National Football League franchise based in Washington, D.C. is derogatory and disparaging to American Indians and has been determined as a violation of U.S. patent and trademark law by a U.S. federal district judge on July 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, one of the major corporate sponsors of the Washington football franchise is FedEx, the global package delivery company; and

WHEREAS, Indian Country should do everything it can to undermine the economic foundation of the Washington football franchise in hopes that it will lead the franchise to change its name, including boycotting companies that provide goods, services, and sponsorships to the said franchise; and

WHEREAS, the United Parcel Service (UPS), also a global package delivery company, has stepped forward to support ATNI members and tribes by providing discounted services and charitable support for community betterment projects; and

WHEREAS, the ATNI should move forward in an effort to build a relationship with UPS; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the effort throughout Indian Country to boycott FedEx and exert economic pressure on the Washington football franchise to change its name; and

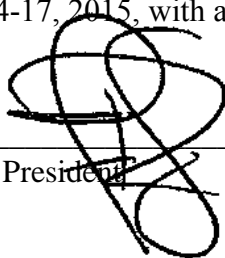
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ATNI supports the establishment of a relationship with UPS for purposes of providing discount package delivery services for the benefit of ATNI members and tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ATNI President is authorized to commence dialogue with UPS representatives for purposes of defining the relationship with ATNI and UPS for the benefit of ATNI members and tribes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to regional and national forums, not limited to the National Congress of American Indians, United South & Eastern Tribes, California Association of Tribal Governments, Native American Finance Officers, the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association, and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

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.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary