



2009 Annual Conference Tacoma, Washington

RESOLUTION #09-73

"SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR INDIGENOUS HEALTH KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT (INIKD) CONFERENCE"

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 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 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, the ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians 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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the University of Washington Indigenous Wellness Research Institute (IWRI) is the US coordinating body for the upcoming 2010 International Network for Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development (INIKD) Conference; and

WHEREAS, the Conference is an international assembly of indigenous health scholars, leaders, providers and students dedicated to improving the health of indigenous people in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, globally indigenous populations have similar colonial histories, health trends, health status, and diseases as well as environmental conditions that contribute to health disparities and much can be learned by sharing each country's approaches to health policy making, traditional and contemporary practices, cultural relevance and community strategies to address health disparities; and

WHEREAS, the INIHKD conducts a biannual conference to share such experiences and is designed to: (1) build indigenous research capacity and workforce development; (2) encourage new research partnerships; (3) facilitate sharing of innovative health research knowledge, protocols, and findings; (4) identify successful indigenous health policy solutions, and; (5) share ethical research protocols by and for indigenous populations; and

WHEREAS, the next INIHKD biannual conference will be held in the United States on May 24-28, 2010 at the Kiana Lodge (Suquamish Tribe) located in Poulsbo, Washington; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the growing importance of strengthening international indigenous health research knowledge and exchange that the ATNI supports the efforts of the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute as coordinating body to the INIHKD and their upcoming conference to be held at the Suquamish Tribe in Poulsbo, Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI encourages other Northwest Tribes and Tribal Organizations to support the efforts by sponsoring activities for the INIHKD Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges the Indian Health Service and other US Department of Health and Human Services operating divisions Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Institute Health, Centers for Disease Control, etc. to sponsor activities associated with this conference; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI recommends that its member states, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska also consider sponsorship of the very important conference.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center in Tacoma, Washington on September 21 - 24, 2009 with a quorum present.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary