



## **2009 Annual Conference Tacoma, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #09 - 61**

#### **“HONORING TIM WEAVER”**

### **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**, 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**, for centuries American Indians have fought against multiple threats and challenges to further these goals and objectives, and to protect our sovereign rights and interests associated with them, through various means including legal enforcement and litigation when necessary and appropriate to compel other authorities, including the federal government, to conduct their activities in a way that safeguards and enhances those tribal rights and tribal members' ability to exercise them; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim Weaver has served for more than 40 years as Yakama Tribal Attorney representing the Yakama Nation in treaty fishing rights litigation and other legal proceedings, both alone and in concert with other tribal attorneys throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim Weaver's lifetime of work has resulted in favorable, precedent-setting legal rulings in cases such as *United States v. Oregon* and *United States v. Washington* (treaty fishing rights), *Brendale v. Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation* (tribal land use jurisdiction over non-Indians), *Kittitas Reclamation District v. Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District* (treaty right to habitat protection), *Settler v. Lameer* (tribal sovereignty), *Yakama v. Baldrige* (ocean catch accounting), *Yakama v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission* (Rock Island Dam relicensing), *Yakama v. Northwest Power Planning Council* (1992 Fish and Wildlife Program), *National Wildlife Federation v. NMFS* (FCRPS ESA), *Golden West Aluminum v. BPA* (BPA Rate Case fish funding levels), *Yakama v. BPA* (Fish Passage Center funding); and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his long and distinguished career Tim Weaver has never demonstrated anything less than the highest level of passion, conviction and commitment to the defense and promotion of tribal rights and interests, serving as a role model for all Indian Law attorneys who have followed in his large and influential footsteps; and

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of many legal struggles, large and small, Tim Weaver has always combined his considerable skills and standards with his unique and generous humor, spirit, and wisdom known and valued by all with whom he has worked and by the generations of Yakama tribal leaders he has represented; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians recognizes and honors Tim Weaver for his more than 40 years of extraordinary service as Yakama Tribal Attorney, for his exemplary character, his solid integrity, his zealous advocacy, and his vigorous devotion to the cause of protecting and enhancing the rights of Indian people, and expresses its profound appreciation for his decades of service to the tribes; he truly has made a difference.

### **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, Tacoma, Washington on September 21 - 24, 2009 with a quorum present.



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Brian Cladoosby, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary