



2013 Annual Convention Worley, ID

RESOLUTION #13 -79

“URGING FEDEX TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE WASHINGTON DC PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM”

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, FedEx owns the naming rights to the stadium until 2026 where the Washington DC Professional Football Team plays; and

WHEREAS, the Washington team uses a name that is a racial slur, tracing back to colonial times when colonies, as well as fur and other trading companies, paid bounties on a

sliding scale for bloody skins of Native men, women and children, who were traded like animal hides; the only way that the distinctions could be made among the human hides were by bounty hunters producing the whole red skins or the “scalps”, a euphemistic term for the genitalia; and

WHEREAS, the term did not describe actions that honored Indian peoples then and it still connotes racism and genocide today for Native peoples who know this past history and for others who just know that it is wrong to characterize people by the color of their skin, especially for public sport; and

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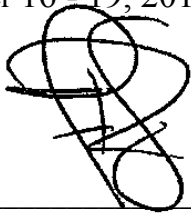
WHEREAS, on Monday, September 23, 2013, FedEx will hold their annual shareholder’s meeting and we support the petition being brought forward to re-evaluate its business relationship with the Washington DC team name; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby request our 57 Tribes to oppose the name of the Redskins; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI Urges FedEx Corporation to rename the stadium where the Washington DC Professional Football team plays.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Coeur d’Alene Resort Hotel & Casino, Worley, Idaho on September 16 - 19, 2013, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary