ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 21, 22, & 23, 2009, CALGARY, AB

Resolution no. 26/2009

TITLE:	Support for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (USA)
SUBJECT:	Economic Development
MOVED BY:	Chief Keith Matthew, Simpcw First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Blaine Commandant, Wahta Mohawk First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns.

B. The ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska.

C. The health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI.

D. The Indian Development Finance Corporation Act (IDFC), has been introduced in the US Senate as S. 439, by Senator Daniel Inouye on February 13, 2009.

E. The IDFC would serve as an Independent Federally Chartered Corporation that functions as a Development Bank for Indian Country with authority to make investments into projects such as small business incubators, broadband network communications systems, alternative energy systems, transportation systems and similar activities that would infuse capital in local tribal economies and develop a local tribal economic infrastructure.

F. The IDFC legislation authorizes the Indian Development Bank to issue 500,000 shares of Common Stock for sale at $50 per share to every US Tribal Nation and when 10% of the stock has been purchased, the IDFC will conduct a “shareholders organizational meeting” to elect a governing Board that is empowered to appoint the management of the IDFC and to establish operating policies.

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G. The IDFC is empowered to establish necessary project offices to evaluate economic infrastructure projects, to underwrite tribal bond financing issues, to create trade development and financing assistance for inter-tribal and inter-Indigenous Nation trade relations, and to engage in business and economic research.

H. The IDFC will benefit tribes that possess land and natural resources that are far removed from the commercial markets and business locations that have enabled over 200 tribes to successfully take advantage of the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act while making it possible for successful gaming tribes to make capital investments and joint ventures with the non-gaming tribes that could be guaranteed by the IDFC, creating a win-win benefit for Indian Country.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Support the ATNI in expressing strong support for the Indian Development Finance Corporation Act and urge expedited congressional action by the leadership of the 111th Session of the US Congress to enact the S. 439 and establish the Indian Development Finance Corporation to meet the economic recovery needs of Indian Country as soon as possible.

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