



**2017 Mid-Year Convention
Portland, Oregon**

RESOLUTION #17 - 35

**“AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FY 2017-2020”**

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, Congress enacted the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) was established under this legislation to provide financial assistance to tribal governments and consortiums, to develop capacity to manage the implementation of tribal environmental programs; and

WHEREAS, both the ATNI tribes and organization are eligible to receive IGAP grants if the proposals meet the grant application requirements; and

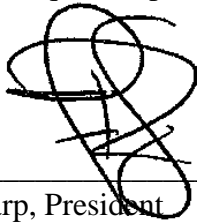
WHEREAS, grant applications from ATNI must also obtain resolutions of support from the Tribes it intends to serve or other written certifications from a duly authorized representative of the Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Office has established funding priorities for the IGAP grants program so that Tribes receive the highest priority of funding; now

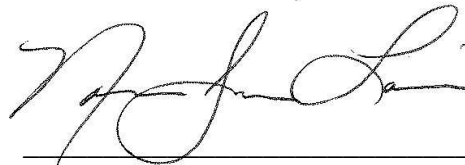
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby authorize the Indian General Assistance Program FY 2017-2020 consortium application, provided funds remain available after awarding grants to federally recognized tribes (both continuing grants and new applicants) that met the grant application requirements.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Double Tree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on May 23-26, 2017, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary