



2017 Mid-Year Convention Portland, OR

RESOLUTION #17 - 38

“AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS FIRSTNET BOARD OF DIRECTORS”

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, over the years FirstNet has taken measures to increase tribal coordination, outreach, and education efforts by establishing a National Tribal Liaison, two Regional Tribal Liaisons, and a FirstNet Board Member to act as a liaison to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes; and

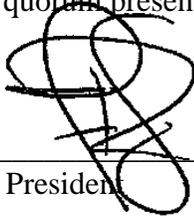
WHEREAS, under Section 6204 of the Act (47 U.S. Code § 1424), there are explicit references to: 1) tribal members and their eligibility for appointment to the FirstNet Board; 2) acknowledgement of tribes for consultation purposes in deployment of FirstNet; and 3) that tribes are eligible to enter into contractual agreements with FirstNet to utilize existing infrastructure on tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce has reviewed applications and appointed members to the FirstNet Board of Directors, yet tribal applicants with expertise in working for tribal communities in the public safety, emergency management, or telecommunications fields have not been selected to serve on the Board; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does respectfully requests the Secretary of the Department of Commerce select tribal members to the Board of Directors for the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) when such tribal applicants have demonstrated expertise in working for tribal communities in fields related to telecommunications, public safety, or emergency management.

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