



2017 Mid-Year Convention Portland, OR

RESOLUTION #17 - 39

“First Responder Coverage for Tribal Nations”

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, the ATNI Member Tribes in the Northwest United States experience a high level of public safety issues like forest fires, oil spills, flooding and border threats;

WHEREAS, a large number of ATNI Tribal Nations are also located in active earthquake, tsunami, volcanic zones and Tribal oral tradition reminds us that tectonic shifts can occur anytime;

WHEREAS, the ATNI Telecommunications Committee has actively tracked and participated in meetings with FirstNet, a project funded by Congress in 2012 through the Department of Commerce to build a nationwide public safety wireless LTE broadband data network to address the communications needs of First Responders;

WHEREAS, On March 30, 2017, FirstNet announced award of a contract to AT & T to build the network, and the States will need to complete their State plans in June 2017; and

WHEREAS, the State plan review is only 45 days and the ATNI Tribes need to assign a tribal representative to review and comment on the final plans to ensure local coverage before the final state plans are sent to the Governor of each State to Opt in or Opt out; and

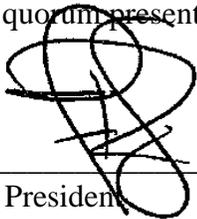
WHEREAS, ATNI understands tribal governments are listed among the entities required for consultation purposes, the “method of consultation” stated that consultation would occur between FirstNet and the designated officer or governmental body established by each respective State pursuant to the creation of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP); now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ATNI requests that FirstNet provide clear consultation and implementation in the State plans that includes, all public safety personnel, the FirstNet State Single Point of Contact (SPOC), Tribal Governments, and the first responder community,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby recommend that in establishing a federal government-to-government relationship with tribal nations, the FirstNet Authority will ensure that tribal governments can request direct government-to-government consultations and such consultations will not require State government consent or State government participation unless there is already an establish relationship acknowledged by the Tribe and the State.

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