



## **2018 Winter Convention Portland, Oregon**

### **RESOLUTION #18 - 17**

#### **"ATNI TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE TO FIRSTNET TRIBAL WORKING GROUP"**

##### **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**, ATNI has been working diligently to address the lack of access to infrastructure that provides high speed internet and cell phone coverage in rural native communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATNI Member Tribes have made significant progress to inform, educate & advocate on broadband needs to the United States Congress as well as State

Legislatures, how the lack of broadband coverage impacts Native Health and Social Services, Economic Development, Public Safety, Small Business Development; Governmental Services and Emergency Management Services; and

**WHEREAS**, FirstNet is 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. The First Responder Network Authority or FirstNet is an independent agency within the federal Department of Commerce which is responsible to build the network; and

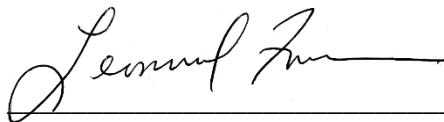
**WHEREAS**, Andrea Alexander has been active in the FirstNet outreach and communications and helped facilitate ATNI sponsorships, tribal video interviews, on site meetings between OneNet WA and Washington State Tribes to help assess and understand the technology and first responder needs at the grassroots level; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the development of the first responder network is moving from planning to implementation and Tribes have an opportunity to leverage resources to connect their communities through this new network; and

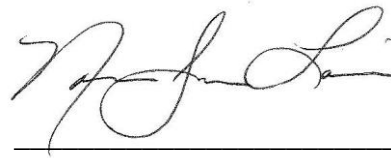
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, ATNI supports the appointment of Andrea Alexander as the delegate and Crystal Hottewe as the alternate to serve as the Northwest Delegate to the Tribal Working Group, a sub-committee of the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2018 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on January 22-25, 2018, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary