



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

### **RESOLUTION #18 - 20**

#### **“EMERGENCY RESPONSE CRISIS DUE TO FREQUENT FLOODING”**

#### **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 Lummi Nation is facing an emergency response crisis due to frequent flooding of the Nooksack River which prevents emergency responders from reaching the reservation in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding of Slater Road is recognized by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the other federal agencies as a critical problem that must be solved soon by elevating a portion of Slater Road; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges Congress and all federal agencies who can assist in elevating a portion of Slater Road to do so promptly to avoid the needless loss of life.

**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.



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Leonard Forsman, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary