



2018 Mid-Year Convention Toppenish, Washington

RESOLUTION #18 - 33

“REQUEST WASHINGTON STATE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL CODES”

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 Washington State Traffic Safety Commission has a long history of supporting tribal efforts to reduce Native injuries and fatalities on public roads throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, one challenge facing tribes throughout our region is the ability for law enforcement to have the regulatory tools needed to more effectively reduce injuries and fatalities in native communities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission has funding available to assist tribes in the development of a law enforcement toolkit that could include model codes for improved road safety; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI urges the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission to fully fund the development of a law enforcement toolkit designed to produce model codes to improve road safety.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2018 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Legends Casino Hotel - Toppenish, Washington, on May 21-24, 2018, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary