

2018 Mid-Year Convention Toppenish, Washington

RESOLUTION #18 - 35

"UPDATE COST TO CONSTRUCT TABLES FOR NORTHWEST REGION"

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 tribal transportation funding formula includes a cost to construct roads element which affects how much funding each tribe in the Northwest receives; and

WHEREAS, the current data in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) database for cost to construct is out of date for the Northwest; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI urges the BIA Office of Transportation to update the cost to construct tables for the Northwest.

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