



2018 Mid-Year Convention Toppenish, Washington

RESOLUTION #18 - 37

“SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN MEMORIAL”

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 Veteran Committee supports the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indians (NMAI) efforts to construct a National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indians are now reaching out to Native Veterans of the Northwest Tribes for inclusion in the organization; and

WHEREAS, the NMAI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and the Veterans Memorial project cannot use federal funds and can only be constructed with private contributions; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the NMAI organization and to provide an opportunity to begin networking within Indian Country on this project to honor Native American Veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the NMAI efforts to build the National Native Veterans Memorial and related programming to honor the service of all Native American Veterans; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ATNI Veterans Committee encourages all Tribes of ATNI to provide financial support for completing construction and continued maintenance of this project.

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