



2019 Mid-Year Convention Airway Heights, Washington

RESOLUTION #19 – 36

“REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR A SOVEREIGNTY SUMMIT”

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, in September 2018, the Department of the Interior took land held in Trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe out of Trust status; and

WHEREAS, this decision by the Trump Administration effectively stripped the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of its Sovereign right to land; and

WHEREAS, Native American Tribes have not been treated like this by a federal administration since the Indian Termination Policies of the 1960's; and

WHEREAS, it was announced on Monday May 20, 2019, during the General Assembly of the ATNI that the Quinault Nation would host a Sovereignty Summit; and

WHEREAS, ATNI believes a Sovereignty Summit is necessary for the Tribes in the Northwest Region to combat the Trump Administration's attack on Indian Country; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports a Sovereignty Summit; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, ATNI requests that the Quinault Indian Nation consider hosting a Sovereignty Summit for Northwest Indian Tribes in order to educate, unite and enforce the Sovereignty of all Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2019 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort and Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 20-23, 2019, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary