



## **2018 Mid-Year Convention Toppenish, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #18 – 26**

#### **“A CALL TO CONGRESS TO REJECT THE ADMINISTRATION’S CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) PROPOSAL TITLED ‘AMERICA’S HEALTH BLOCK GRANT’ AND TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR CDC’S NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION FOR FY 2019”**

#### **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 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 ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Healthy Communities - the Prevention Research Center at Oregon Health & Science University – Portland State University School of Public Health is one of 26 CDC-funded Prevention Research Centers in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Healthy Communities is currently the only Prevention Research Center in the nation whose primary partner is a Native organization, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB); and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Healthy Communities is committed to addressing the health promotion and chronic disease prevention needs of American Indian/Alaska Native and other underserved communities through community-based participatory research, and through training, dissemination, and evaluation activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPAIHB and its Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center are integral in steering the Center for Healthy Communities to prevention research projects that directly address the highest priority stated needs of the NPAIHB's 43 federally-recognized member tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Healthy Communities has conducted multiple Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded research and training projects over the past 15 years in American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the United States, including: TOTS to TWEENS, Native VOICES, Healthy Native Youth, Dangerous Decibels, Native Children Ride Safe (CARS), Tribal Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), Colorectal Cancer Screening Toolkit for NW Tribes, Comparative Effectiveness of Telemedicine to Detect Diabetic Retinopathy, and Native STAND (Students Together Against Negative Decisions); and

**WHEREAS**, current CDC funding provides resources and technical expertise through health departments, national organizations, and local partner groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Healthy Communities is in the planning process for a new competitive round of funding from the CDC to continue support of the national network of Prevention Research Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at CDC that authorizes support for the 26 CDC-funded Prevention Research Centers in the United States, including the Center for Healthy Communities, has been zeroed out in the Administration's FY 2019 Budget Proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Healthy Communities if unfunded in FY 2019 would no longer be able to provide critically needed research and training disease prevention and health promotion; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI calls on Congress to reject the Administration's Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) proposal titled "America's Health Block Grant" funding and to support funding for the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at FY 2018 funding level in FY 2019.

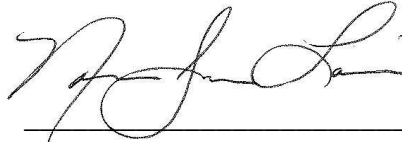
**CERTIFICATION**

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.



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Leonard Forsman, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary