

2018 Annual Convention Worley, Idaho

RESOLUTION #18 - 45

"EDUCATIONAL BROADBAND SERVICE SPECTRUM"

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; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby call for a tribal priority in the Educational Broadband Service, 2.5 GHz, Spectrum over tribal lands with a buildout expectation based upon attached federal funding similar to what is provided to commercial or education providers and to produce a resource of available or unused licenses over tribal lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI does oppose the tribal lands designation language as it violates trust obligations for Tribes and tribal reservations and that uninhabited tribal lands must be included for current or future habitation, natural, cultural and protective preservation.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2018 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel - Worley, Idaho, on September 17-20, 2018, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary