



2018 Mid-Year Convention Toppenish, Washington

RESOLUTION #18 - 36

“WASHINGTON STATE HIGHWAY 530 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS”

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, Washington State Route (WA SR) 530 is a significant choke point that is recognized as a serious safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, the traveling public and the Sauk-Suiattle tribe are directly affected by the unsafe conditions on WA SR 530; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI urges the Washington State legislature to fully fund transportation improvements near Darrington, WA which serves the Sauk-Suiattle tribe on WA SR 530 to improve highway safety.

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