



## **2018 Annual Convention Worley, Idaho**

### **RESOLUTION #18 - 39**

#### **“ADVANCE TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE 2020 CENSUS”**

##### **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

**WHEREAS**, the United States (U.S.) Census is mandated by the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. population is enumerated every 10 years and census data is used to allocate Congressional seats, electoral votes, and is the basis for allocation of more than \$600 billion in funding allocations for federally funded programs; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding for tribal schools and colleges, education, workforce and career readiness, Indian housing, Indian health, water and sewage projects, roads, economic development and other essential programs are utilized by both urban, rural and tribal communities and is based on data collected by the Census Bureau every ten (10) years; now

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, that ATNI will partner with organizations to advance tribal sovereignty with organizations such as More Equitable Democracy and others to focus on racial equality and democracy reform; and

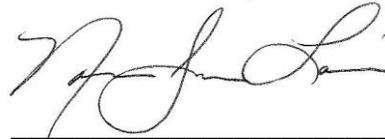
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, these organizations, such as, More Equitable Democracy and others, shall work with Tribal Governments and Tribal Organizations to ensure Census participation, training and education in rural and urban communities, voter registration, Get out the Vote activities, leadership development, and redistricting reform.

**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