



## **2020 Executive Board April 1, 2020**

### **RESOLUTION #2020 - 17**

#### **“THE ONSET OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC URGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INVOKE THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT”**

#### **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**, the northwest has experienced the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and have identified hot spots in the Pacific Northwest that are currently some of the most severe in the nation, and;

**WHEREAS**, all states have identified positive cases, and medical experts anticipate the number of cases to continue to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, medical facilities and healthcare staffs have become overwhelmed with treating and testing the number of patients affected by the contagious disease, and, due to the high demand for supplies and equipment, facilities are now experiencing severe shortages; and

**WHEREAS**, local, state and federal stockpiles of supplies and equipment are being depleted, and, medical personnel, first responders and at-risk populations face increased risk of contracting the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, personnel and first responders, are in desperate need of supplies such as, but not limited to, face shields, gowns, and N95 masks and lab facilities are in desperate need of lab equipment such as, but not limited to, vials, petri dishes and testing medium; and

**WHEREAS**, to date the President has invoked the Defense Production Act for the production of respirators only; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, ATNI urges President Trump to invoke the Defense Production Act for the mobilization of materials, resources and manufacturing sites needed to combat the spread of COVID-19 as a rapidly evolving threat to our nation's economic and national security.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a quorum of the ATNI Executive Board on April 1, 2020, by e-mail.

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Leonard Forsman, President

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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary