



2020 Virtual Annual Convention

RESOLUTION #2020-34

“WASHINGTON STATE RE-DISTRICTING APPOINTMENT”

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, After the Census completed every ten years, the bipartisan Washington State Redistricting Commission is established for the purpose of redrawing legislative and congressional district boundaries. Four commissioners are appointed by the Legislature: Two Democrats & Two Republicans. The Commissioners appoint a fifth, non-voting, non-partisan chairperson; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's appointments for redistricting process continues to be a very important topic for us all, especially as we work with our sovereign nations and build relationships in under-represented communities. It is with this in mind, that the ATNI Native Vote and Native American Democratic Caucus of the Washington State Democrats believes now more than ever is a time to build a relationship with our sovereign tribal communities with an experienced leader; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Brian Cladoosby served 30 years on his Tribal Council and 27 years as Chairman, he was appointed to serve 30 years as Chair of Association of the Washington Tribes, served as Co-Chair with Washington State Governors Centennial Accord, served as President of Affiliated of NW Indians for two terms, President of National Congress of American Indians for two terms, served on the Executive Committee for Washington Indian Gaming, is currently a board member of the Group Health Foundation and is the lead of the Governor's Safe Start, Public Health and Health Care System Group; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Caucus of the Washington State Democrats and the Native Vote Committee of the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians both endorse an appointment of a Native American to the Redistricting Commission of Washington State; now

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby supports the appointment of the Honorable **Brian Cladoosby** who is a Native American leader respected by our Northwest Tribes, Native Organizations and elected State and Federal officials of Washington State be appointed as a Redistricting Commissioner for Washington State.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2020 Virtual Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held on October 5-8, 2020, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary