



2020 Virtual Annual Convention

RESOLUTION #2020 –41

“TERMS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS EXTENDED ”

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 ATNI Constitution indicates in Article VI, Section 1. that elections of officers will take place at the Annual Convention; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, the elections have taken place at the in person annual conventions; and

WHEREAS, with the onset of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and shelter in place orders implemented for public safety, Tribes responded with closing their governmental offices and enterprises and, limiting access to health facility services; and

WHEREAS, Tribes modified their operating procedures, including working remotely and limiting travel restrictions; and

WHEREAS, with continued COVID cases continuing to arise, reopening plans continue to limit the full reopening for many member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, although ATNI was able to conduct convention business in a virtual setting including electronic voting; and

WHEREAS, not all members were able to adequately access the virtual setting and participate in the virtual convention; and

WHEREAS, a discussion from the floor determined substantive elections would better be conducted at an in person convention; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby extend the terms of those Executive Board members, who terms were set to expire, until the 2021 annual convention.

CERTIFICATION

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

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary