



2021 Virtual Winter Convention

RESOLUTION #2021 – 04

DATA SHARING & COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO IMPROVE THE RESPONSE TO THE MISSING & MURDERED AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE WOMEN

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 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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, on some reservations American Indian and Alaska Native women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, reports of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women are inadequately responded to; and

WHEREAS, tribes continuously face challenges when acquiring pertinent data from state and federal agencies regarding reports of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaskan Native women; and

WHEREAS, tribal access to high-quality, aggregated data from state and federal data bases will improve the response to the missing and murdered American Indian and Alaskan Native pandemic; and

WHEREAS, high-quality, aggregated data is critical for tribes to make informed programmatic and policy-related decisions; and

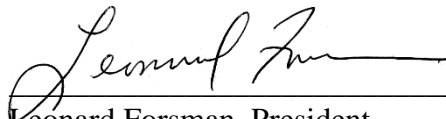
WHEREAS, data access and completeness challenges can be remedied by cooperative agreements between tribal, state, and federal governments; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI urges tribal, state, and federal government to develop and exact cooperative agreements where accessible data bases are shared to improve the response to the missing and murdered American Indian and Alaskan Native women pandemic; and

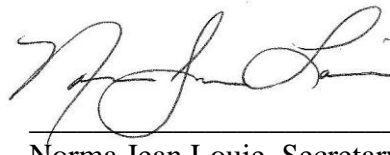
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2021 Virtual Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on January 25-28, 2021, with a quorum approving.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary