



2022 Virtual Annual Convention

RESOLUTION #2022 -08

“PRIORITIZE FUNDING FOR SEVERE FLOOD & STORM MITIGATION ON TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES”

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, recent flood and severe storm events have impacted tribes throughout the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, as state & Federal agencies prioritize funding, addressing flood or storm impacted transportation facilities needs to be given priority funding; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to build into transportation facilities resiliency to reflect climate change; and

WHEREAS, consultation with tribes is needed to develop a response plan related to climate change impacts which cause severe flood and storm events to tribal transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, all tribes are unique and therefore a long-term plan is needed to develop a response plan tailored to each respective Tribe’s needs; and

WHEREAS, the “Build Back Better” initiative is an opportunity to begin planning for a solution to transportation impacts due to climate change; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI requests that the Federal and State governments begin the consultation process to develop a comprehensive response plan (i.e. Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, etc.) and execute with the tribes a resilience plan to protect tribal transportation facilities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI requests State and Federal agencies provide sufficient funding to address tribal transportation facilities following flood and severe storm events.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2022 Virtual Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, on January 24-27, 2021, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary