



2023 Winter Convention Portland, Oregon

RESOLUTION #2023 – 18

“AGGREGATE BILLING OF BROADBAND SERVICES BY TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY”

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, equitable access to broadband closes the digital divide to opportunities in education, employment, banking, and other important components of connection and social mobility and has been deemed a human right by global human rights organizations; and

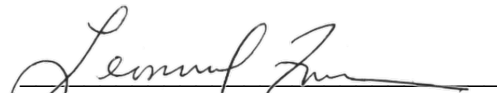
WHEREAS, aggregate billing of broadband services by Tribally Designated Housing Entity would greatly close the digital divide and assist in maintaining public health, safety and general welfare of tenants; and

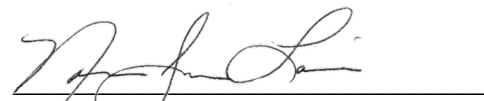
WHEREAS, the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) monthly stipend of \$75 per month for eligible Tribal Households currently does not allow for aggregate billing; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians supports for advancement to the National Congress of American Indians the challenge to FCC for policy revision to allow for aggregate billing of broadband services by Tribally Designated Housing Entity under the rules of the ACP.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2023 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on January 22-26, 2023 with a quorum approving.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary