

**2009 Mid-Year Conference  
Reno, Nevada**

**RESOLUTION #09 - 37**

**"NATIONAL NATIVE NETWORK PARTICIPATION"**

**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 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**, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a regional organization comprised of American Indians 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 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, a historic short term opportunity for ARRA funding requires expertise, integration, broad tribal participation and quick action or the opportunity will be lost; and

**WHEREAS**, Broadband is essential connectivity to provide access to important information for E-government services, safety, education, health, economic development and cultural for sustainable families; and

**WHEREAS**, ARRA funding will require transparency of benefits and a community education plan for broadband awareness, adoption, and applications training for safety, education, health, economic development and cultural sustainability; now

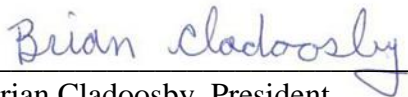
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI recommends creating a relationship with DRS Technical Services Inc. to create a National Native Network stimulus proposal for unserved and underserved tribal communities for all three funding rounds; and

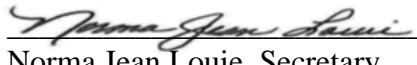
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI participation in the National Native Network is a means to accelerate provisioning of broadband deployment in a phased approach to the participating tribes using ARRA funding from both National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Rural Utilities Service (RUS); and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that participating in the National Native Network may significantly enhance the potential for individual tribes to have their existing plans for terrestrial broadband expansion to be selected for project funding through the NTIA and USDA (RUS) funding.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2009 Mid-Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Reno, Nevada, May 18-21, 2009 with a quorum present.

  
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Brian Cladoosly, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary