



2013 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #13 - 08

“WESTERN STATES INFORMATION NETWORK”

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, there now exists a situation where Tribal Police Departments are being discriminated against by the Western States Information Network (WSIN), which is part of the

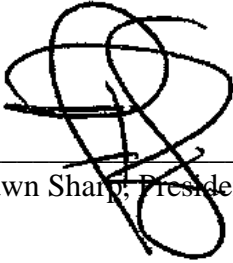
National Regional Information Sharing System (RISS) program, which is funded through federal appropriations to provide support to State, County, Local, and TRIBAL police agencies; and

WHEREAS, the entity controlling access to this system, the California State Attorney's Office, has created rules that prohibit the States of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska from allowing Tribal Police agencies access simply by virtue of their nature as a Tribal organization; now

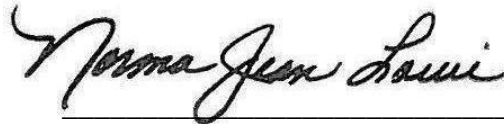
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby endorse the ATNI President, or the President's designee, to petition the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) to conduct an inquiry into the discriminatory practices of the Western States Information Network by denying access of Tribal Police Organizations to this federally funded criminal intelligence data base.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington, on January 28 – 31, 2013 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary