



2013 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #13 - 19

“NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE CHIEF ENDORSEMENT”

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, Tribal governments, enterprises, and individual Indian farmers and ranchers have a need for the technical and financial resources of the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

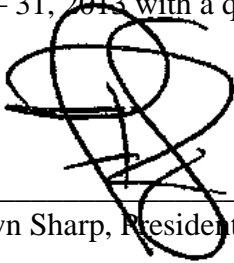
WHEREAS, the ATNI Economic Development Committee is dedicated to the principle of economic parity and our agriculture economy is advancing but yet lagging in ownership production; and

WHEREAS, the position of the Chief for the Natural Resources Conservation Service is being filled and the Northwest Tribes have recommended a highly qualified individual; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby endorse the appointment of Mr. Jason Weller as the Chief of Natural Resources Conservation Services.

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