



2013 ATNI Executive Committee

RESOLUTION #13-26

“SUPPORT FOR WA STATE BROADBAND PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION”

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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, ATNI recognizes the importance of broadband communications as critical infrastructure for Northwest Tribal Economic Development, public safety and social welfare for ATNI member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Broadband Office ("WSBO") has released the Local Technology Planning Team ("LTPT") Grant Program to support broadband planning activities within the State of Washington, that provides funding for community wide broadband planning and technical assistance activities with a due date of April 30th 2013; and

WHEREAS, the ATNI Energy and Telecommunications Committee has organized a “Tribal Tech Team” Consortium and the Quinault Indian Nation passed resolution #13-253-92 to serve as the applicant; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling the grant's matching requirement requires no financial obligation and will be accomplished through in-kind services by the “Tribal Tech Team”, self-help network of Tribal IT professionals, joint applicants and the professional services partners; and

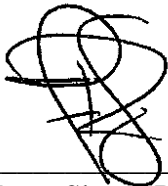
WHEREAS, the “Tribal Tech Team” Consortium along with its professional partners shall undergo outreach, needs assessment, infrastructure inventory, solutions identification, to help Tribes access new funding avenues like the FCC Universal Services program, the USDA Connect America Fund program as well as private investment partners; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI fully supports Tribal infrastructure development that will help open access, understanding and opportunity for future Tribal telecommunications and broadband systems development; and

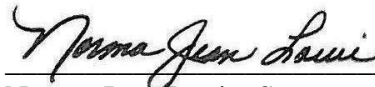
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the submission of an application to the Washington State Broadband Grant program and, should it be funded, lead to the execution of a program that will promote Tribal Economic Infrastructure Development and the next generation of successful Tribal Self Sufficiency efforts.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 ATNI Board Conference Call meeting in Portland, Oregon, on May 10, 2013 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary