



2013 Mid-Year Convention Airway Heights, Washington

RESOLUTION #13 - 41

“ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR”

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

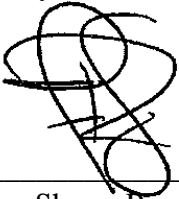
WHEREAS, there is a current lack of Tribal input to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement programs, and in an attempt to resolve ongoing problems with the BIA Office of Justice Services; now

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the lack of communication and coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of Justice Services (OJS) regarding the law enforcement budgeting process, and their lack of ability to comply with, or assist in the implementation of the enforcement of the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), as well as similar legislation, and here-by request that the BIA Northwest Regional Office (NRO) identify funding for the detail of a Tribal Law Enforcement Coordinator (TLEC) at the NRO; and

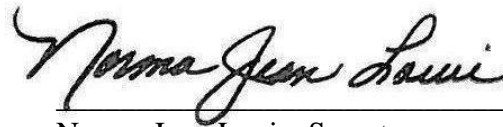
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TLEC will coordinate with the BIA OJS Special Agent-in-Charge for District VIII in order to facilitate Tribal input into the BIA law enforcement budgeting process, develop statistical data to identify critical Tribal law enforcement needs, develop inter-tribal law enforcement capabilities and initiatives (such as task force operations), and act as an advocate for the regional Tribes on jurisdiction issues which affect all regional tribal law enforcement programs.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 13 – 16, 2013 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary