



## **2013 Mid-Year Convention Airway Heights, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #13 - 43**

#### **“REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES SUPPORT”**

### **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; now

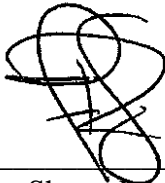
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI endorses the regional Emergency Management Plan (EMP) by the Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC) which will incorporate the individual EMP for the individual member tribes and assist in the establishment of a system of inter-tribal cooperation and mutual support during emergencies, disasters, or any other incident that occurs in which emergency assistance is needed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI endorses the NWTEMC to work with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and any other federal or state agency, at the request and/or permission of the affected tribe(s) in order to meet the emergency management criteria for a disaster declared under the provisions of the amended "Stafford Act," or through any other methodology for declared emergency; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that such coordination would include representation at state, and/or federal emergency management departments to expedite support to ATNI Tribal governments.

**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.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary