



2014 Mid-Year Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #14 - 31

“THE ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENT OF AN ATNI 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 federal law enforcement programs, and funding for Tribal governments and their efforts to protect tribal members, property, resources, and cultural items; and

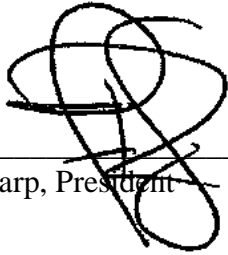
WHEREAS, that ATNI, due to the lack of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS) communication, coordination with law enforcement budgeting process, and ability to comply with, or assist in the implementation or enforcement of the Tribal Law, the members tribes of the ATNI endorse the creation of a one-year appointment of an ATNI Tribal Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Coordinator (TLEESC); this will be a detailed position from one of the member tribes in order to accomplish the following:

- The development of a Tribal Law Enforcement Parity Act that will correct the enquiries of existing laws between state, tribal, and federal law enforcement (LE) programs and Justice systems. Such as the same ability as the states to use federal law to recover people who flee their jurisdictions, and the correction to the statutory time limit for most types of homicide in Indian Country which is currently 5 years.
- Coordinate efforts to address the shocking rise in the trafficking of Native American artifacts and burial remains on the international market, and develop methodology in the protection and recovery for the affected Tribes.
- Coordinate efforts for the tribes to become part of the overall State Emergency Management Plan and FEMA plans, and to be included in all simulated state and national exercises. The exclusion of the Tribes in this process leaves the tribes vulnerable during an actual emergency, and hard to recover afterward.
- Develop a plan to train and utilize Native American (NA) Veterans in emergency management positions which is covered in newly enacted legislation and funding provided for through FEMA and the Veterans Administration.
- Develop Tribal Police information sharing and working relationships with the International Police Organization (INTERPOL) to coordinate efforts on Tribal cultural and natural resources that have been transferred to a foreign country.
- Identify Federal funding for law enforcement and emergency services.
- Coordinate efforts for regional juvenile detention initiatives.
- Develop the establishment of a regional Tribal Drug Task Force
- Continue the implementation of a regional Tribal Cold Case and Missing Persons task force; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the implementation of this resolution ATNI will seek the assistance of all member tribes interested in assistance in these efforts.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2014 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington, on May 5 – 8, 2014 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary