



## **2015 Winter Convention Lincoln City, Oregon**

### **RESOLUTION #15 - 02**

#### **"SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONWIDE FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK"**

#### **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**, the ATNI Telecommunications Committee has been working hard to address the lack of access to infrastructure that provides high speed internet and cell phone coverage in rural native communities; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI Member Tribes have made significant progress this past year by working together to inform, educate and advocate on broadband needs to the leadership at the White House and the United States Congress, as well as State Representatives on how the lack of broadband coverage impacts Native Health and Social Services, Economic Development, Public Safety, Small Business Development, Governmental Services, and Emergency Management Services; and

**WHEREAS**, FirstNet is a project funded by Congress in 2012 through the Department of Commerce to build a nationwide public safety wireless LTE broadband data network to address the communications needs of First Responders; and

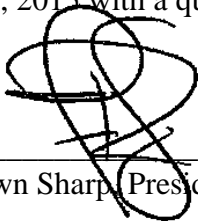
**WHEREAS**, the First Responder Network Authority or FirstNet is an independent agency within the federal Department of Commerce which is responsible to build the network; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATNI Tribal Tech Team has been working with OneNet Washington representatives by attending meetings as native representatives in order to understand the program goals and to also help provide outreach to other ATNI Member Tribe's development of a First Responder Network; now

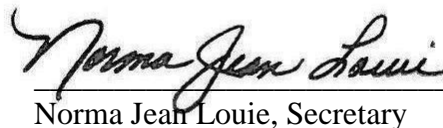
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians hereby supports the efforts of Washington OneNet, FirstNet in Oregon, Idaho First Responder Net to engage tribal leaders, public safety responders, and IT professionals in a design for FirstNet that respects the sovereign needs of tribal nations.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2015 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, Oregon on February 2-5, 2015 with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary