



2015 Winter Convention Lincoln City, Oregon

RESOLUTION #15 - 05

“REQUEST BIA AREA HOUSING OFFICER POSITION BE FILLED”

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 Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs governs the Housing Improvement Program (HIP) which is a safety-net program that provides grants for repairing, renovating, or replacing existing housing and for providing new housing; and

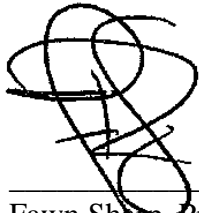
WHEREAS, there is a direct correlation of number of applications submitted from the Tribes and the funding award to the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Regional Area Office has failed to fill the Area Housing Officer position for the past four years, which provides program guidance of the program and training and technical assistance to support the application process; now

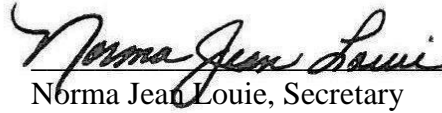
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians does hereby strongly urge the Area Housing Officer position be filled to continue trust responsibility to the Northwest Tribes to continue this valuable housing program.

CERTIFICATION

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



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary