



2015 Mid-Year Convention Warm Springs, Oregon

RESOLUTION #15 - 27

“CALLING UPON THE PRESIDENT TO ISSUE A NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER ON NATIVE NATIONS”

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, Indian nations and tribes were independent sovereigns prior to the formation of the United States; and

WHEREAS, through treaties, agreements, statues and executive orders, Indian nations and tribes were offered the protection of the United States, guaranteed the sanctity of our homelands, and reserved our original inherent rights to tribal self-governance; and

WHEREAS, in the Constitution, the United States recognized the sovereignty of Indian nations and tribes over our members and our territory; and

WHEREAS, the original policy of the United States was to respect Indian nations and tribes as sovereigns, with inherent rights to self-government, liberty, and possession and control of our Indian lands and territory and to deal with Indian nations and tribes on a Nation-to-Nation basis founded on mutual respect, mutual consent, and deference to internal tribal self-governance; now

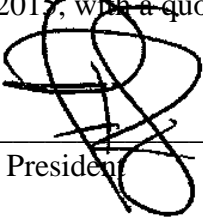
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ATNI calls upon the President to issue a new Executive Order on Native Nations, which:

- Directs Federal Departments and Agencies to defer to Native Nations on matters of internal self-governance and deal with Native Nations on the basis of nation-to-nation relations based upon mutual respect, mutual consent, and free, prior, and informed consent;
- The U.S. shall work with Tribal nations to implement the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and recommendations contained in the Outcome Document from the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians hereby request the President of the United States to direct the White House Council on Native American Affairs to meet quarterly with Native Nations to discuss intergovernmental concerns on a nation-to-nation, government-to-government basis.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2015 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa, Warm Springs, Oregon on May 18-21, 2015, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary