



2015 Mid-Year Convention Warm Springs, Oregon

RESOLUTION #15 - 31

“IN FULL SUPPORT TO CREATE A TRIBAL PLANNING DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION”

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 mission of the American Planning Association (APA) provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change; and

WHEREAS, APA members who are working to promote social, economic, and racial equity have come together at National Planning Conferences to share information, resources, and ideas and encourage diversity through establishment of allied organizations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to educate the non-Indian communities regarding Indian Tribal governments and tribal planning efforts to avert misunderstandings that has caused negative case law regarding land use and planning on Indian Reservations; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing national effort to create a Tribal Planning Division within the American Planning Association to have tribal planning formally recognized as a vital governmental service that benefits tribal lands and its people; now

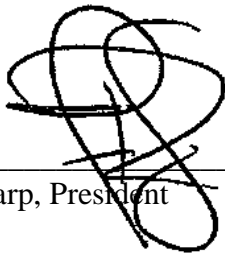
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby request that full support is provided to create a Tribal Planning Division of the American Planning Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians endorse the concept of becoming an allied organization that would participate and support the notions of diverse populations and networking and encourages the National Congress of American Indians to become an allied organization of the American Planning Association; and

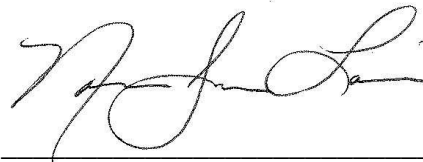
BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED, that this policy action and resolution be forwarded to the National Congress of American Indians to be considered for adoption and further action.

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