



2016 Winter Convention Suquamish, Washington

RESOLUTION #16 - 13

“SUPPORT CITY OF PORTLAND IN ESTABLISHING AND DEVELOPING A TRIBAL LIAISON OFFICE AND TRIBAL LIAISON POSITION”

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 federal, state, and local governments have a unique responsibility to tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, when the City of Portland’s actions or policies affect tribal interests, the City must ensure that the appropriate levels of intergovernmental communication and coordination between the City and affected tribal governments occur, and City of Portland Resolution 36941 was adopted by the Portland City Council on July 11, 2012 in recognition of this responsibility; and

WHEREAS, City of Portland Resolution 36941 is a public statement of the City’s intent to formalize government-to-government consultation with the City’s tribal government partners and to develop the supporting policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, numerous branches of government and their agencies have established tribal programs, policies, and positions which provide points of contact for Tribes to engage on issues that impact their rights; and

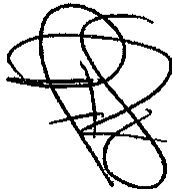
WHEREAS, a City of Portland Tribal Liaison and Liaison Office would create and nurture a long-term, positive relationship between the City of Portland and tribal governments as well as outreach to the leadership of the Indian urban community; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the City of Portland to establish and maintain a Tribal Liaison Office, a Tribal Liaison position and tribal policy for consultation in coordination with tribal governments, and to incorporate tribal governments as well as outreach to the leadership of the Indian urban community into its decision-making processes; and

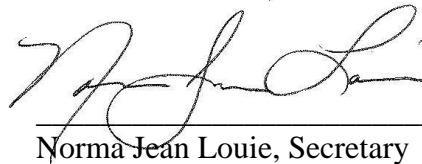
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, ATNI supports the creation of a City of Portland Tribal Liaison Office and hiring of personnel to develop internal city policies, procedures and protocols that support and affirm its commitment to government-to-government consultation with tribal governments as well as outreach to the leadership of the Indian urban community.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2016 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort, Suquamish, Washington on February 1- 4, 2016, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary