



## **2016 Winter Convention Suquamish, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #16 - 17**

#### **“SUPPORT FOR FUNDING FOR WASHINGTON ONE NET, FIRST NET IN OREGON, AND IDAHO FIRST RESPONDER NET”**

#### **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 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians recognizes the work of Washington OneNet, FirstNet in Oregon, and the Idaho First Responder Net to engage tribes in the design for the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN), commonly referred to as FirstNet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Middle Class Tax Relief Act passed by Congress in 2012 created FirstNet and delegated Tribal outreach and engagement to the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the only conduit to ensure the inclusion of tribal concerns in the state plans for FirstNet is through state SLIGP program offices; and

**WHEREAS**, current state and Local Implementation Grant funding ends in February 2018 and match funding from the states is in jeopardy; and

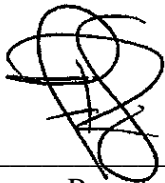
**WHEREAS**, without a strategy for short and long-term permanent funding, the Tribes will be left out of commenting on important elements of the network including, but not limited to:

- Construction of a core network and any Radio Access Network (RAN) build-out;
- Placement of towers;
- Tribal coverage areas of the network;
- Adequacy of hardening security, reliability, and resiliency requirements;
- Assignment of priority to local users;
- Assignment of priority and selection of entities seeking access to or use of the nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network and training needs of local users; and
- Ensuring the security of networks and associated data ; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ATNI does hereby request that FirstNet and the States find a permanent, long-term funding solution so that Washington OneNet, FirstNet in Oregon, and the Idaho First Responder Net can continue to engage tribes and tribal internet businesses in the design for FirstNet as Congress intended.

**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.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary