



2017 Annual Convention Spokane, WA

RESOLUTION #17 - 50

“GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE”

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

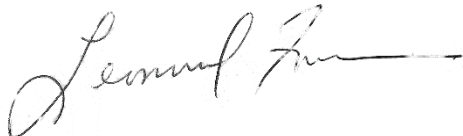
WHEREAS, few tribal members exercise their right to vote in federal and state elections and the power of the Native vote is not fully implemented, limiting tribal communities from realizing their greatest capacity, it is crucial that tribes look at their tribal election days to determine if changing to same day voting, consistent with the federal and state elections, might increase the number of votes in both elections; and

WHEREAS, the ATNI Native Vote committee recommends that Tribes and Indian organizations appoint tribal staff to register Native Voters, organize “Get-Out-the-Vote activities, support Native people running for public office, support ATNI/Tribal resolutions, attend three State Native American Caucus and ATNI Native Vote meetings per year; now

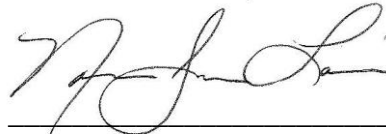
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI requests its member tribes to appoint enrolled tribal members to represent and support Voter Registration, Get-Out-the-Vote activities, attend Native Vote related workshops, meetings and gatherings to ensure maximum registration and participation of the Native Voter.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Grand Davenport Hotel, in Spokane, Washington on September 18-21, 2017, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary