



**2017 Mid-Year Convention
Portland, OR**

RESOLUTION #17 - 37

**“TO SUPPORT TRIBAL ECONOMIC GROWTH ALLIANCE AND EFFORTS TO
REFORM FEDERAL LAW TO SUPPORT TRIBAL ECONOMIES”**

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 current Presidential Administration has emphasized the importance of economic development and the need for business growth; and

WHEREAS, with the recent changes in the White House and the Congress, now is the time for Indian Country and Alaska Natives to pursue federal legislative and regulatory changes to support the economic growth of Tribal Nations and Native-owned companies; and

WHEREAS, Indian Country has long sought economic diversification to create sustainable local economies supportive of tribal government operations; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure economic diversification and the long-term stability of tribal nations, there is a great need for tribal authority to generate government revenue independent of federal appropriations; and

WHEREAS, federal tax and regulatory reform is essential for tribal nations to strengthen their economies and generate revenue to provide essential government services to our people; and

WHEREAS, federal law reform efforts to improve tribal economic growth should focus on (1) tax reform, (2) regulatory reform, (3) access to capital, and (4) consultation and research; and

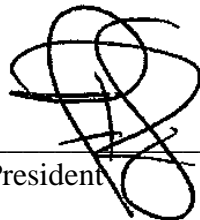
WHEREAS, recently tribal leaders have come together to promote Indian commerce, economic growth and development, and to remove barriers to economic growth and development, especially dual taxation and tax parity; and Tribal leaders have formed the Tribal Economic Growth Alliance and invited participation from National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Gaming Association, Native American Finance Officers Association, Coalition of Large Tribes, Native American Contractors Association, and other National and Regional organizations; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the efforts of tribal leaders to promote economic growth and diversification in all of Indian Country and to urge the federal government to reform laws and regulations to promote economic growth, tax parity and diversification in Indian Country; and

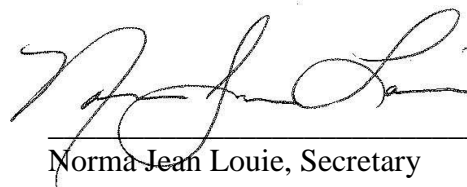
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to regional and national forums, not limited to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), United South & Eastern Tribes (USET), California Association of Tribal Governments, Native American Finance Officers (NAFOA), the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association, and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST).

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Double Tree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on May 23-26, 2017, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary