



## **2018 Winter Convention Portland, Oregon**

### **RESOLUTION #18 - 18**

#### **“SUPPORT THE ADHERENCE OF THE ADOPTED PROTOCOLS OF THE FAST ACT, TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE”**

#### **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 extension of the Tribal Transportation Self Governance Program (TTSGP) of the Department of Transportation presents a unique opportunity to streamline and improve the delivery of transportation programs and services to American Indian and Alaska Native citizens and further empower the Tribal Nations which promotes the inherent right for Sovereign Nations to self-govern; and

**WHEREAS**, the TTSGP Negotiated Rulemaking Committee was established pursuant to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, P.L. 114-94; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Committee is to develop proposed regulations to carry out the TTSGP in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 207; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee is charged with the responsibilities set forth in Section 1121 of the Act and the Negotiated Rulemaking Act, which include developing the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), receiving and reviewing public and government comments, and finalizing a recommended final rule that contains the regulations required to carry out the TTSGP; and

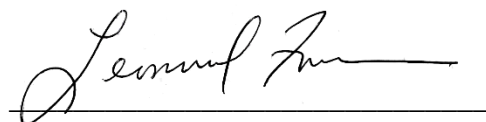
**WHEREAS**, the TTSGP Committee evaluated and adopted protocols that serve to adapt the negotiated rulemaking to this unique context; and

**WHEREAS**, these protocols and meeting procedures were developed in consensus, and in good faith, with the Federal Partners to promote the negotiation process; now

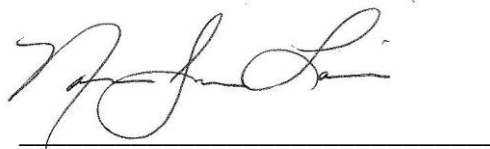
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI requests the Federal Highway Administration follow the established protocols of the committee and ensure that the Tribal representatives to the Rulemaking Committee remain integral to this process and are provided the opportunity to negotiate further revisions if necessary in the NPRM made by the Office of the Secretary and Office of Management and Budget.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2018 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on January 22-25, 2018, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary