



2022 Mid-Year Convention Ferndale, Washington

RESOLUTION #2022 - 30

Support for Rail Option on Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement

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 (AI/AN) 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, Federal legislation as well as spending authorization has occurred to Build Back America Better, and

WHEREAS, both the State of Oregon and Washington have determined that the Columbia River Interstate Bridge on Interstate 5 connecting the two states is structurally deficient and needs to be replaced, and

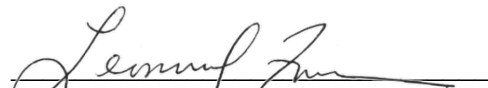
WHEREAS, the bridge replacement will protect the environment as recommended by the NEPA supplemental draft EIS; now

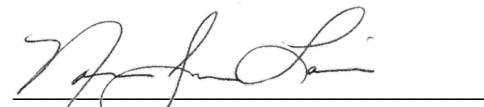
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the option chosen to replace the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI recognizes improvements to transportation facilities impact the flow of goods and services not only to Native Communities but everyone across the land.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2022 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Silver Reef Casino Resort, Ferndale, Washington May 16 – 20, 2022 with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary