



2022 Mid-Year Convention Ferndale, Washington

RESOLUTION #2022-31

Support for Local Fuel Taxes

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 descendant's 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, Washington State is behind in fixing fish passages, per the successful "Culverts" lawsuit, and therefore additional revenue is needed for all State and local governments, and

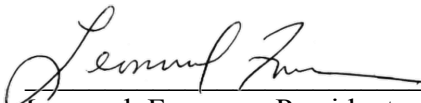
WHEREAS, Local jurisdictions can raise fuel taxes to help pay for local maintenance, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ATNI urges the State of Washing to fully fund the removal of fish barriers created by the State and to require local governments to remove fish barriers they too have created; and

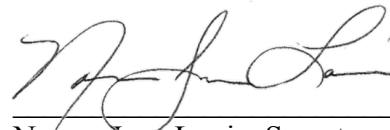
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ATNI recognizes that legacy transportation facilities have impacted the natural environment across the Nation and have impacted Native Americans nationwide.

CERTIFICATION

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



Leonard, Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary