



2023 Midyear Convention Worley, Idaho

Resolution #2023 – 35

“Calling on Congress to Include Tax Immunity in the ARTIST Act of 2023 and Ensure Beneficiaries of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act are Citizens of Federally Recognized Tribal Nations”

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 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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is currently considering amendments to the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, via the Amendments to Respect Traditional Indigenous Skills and Talent (ARTIST) Act of 2023, which aims to update the Indian Arts and

Crafts Act to strengthen protections against counterfeit competition and support the creative economies of Native artists; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Arts and Crafts Act has been instrumental in protecting Native artists and their cultural heritage, and it is essential to update it to further empower Native artists economically and promote tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, ATNI believes that the ARTIST Act of 2023 should include language that would immunize income taxes for Native artists producing their arts and crafts within their reservation, in accordance with a strict interpretation of the U.S. Constitution which recognizes the historic status of "Indians not taxed"; and

WHEREAS, ATNI urges the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to ensure that those who benefit from the Indian Arts and Crafts Act are members of federally recognized tribal nations; and

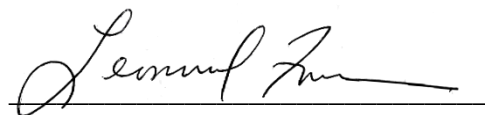
WHEREAS, the deadline for comment submission to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on the discussion draft of the ARTIST Act of 2023 has been extended to May 19, 2023, and the Committee will hold a virtual listening session on April 26 at 2:30 p.m. ET; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) calls on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to include tax immunity in the ARTIST Act of 2023 and ensure that beneficiaries of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act are members of federally recognized tribes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI urges its member Tribal Nations and all other interested parties to submit their individual comments to Artist@indian.senate.gov by the deadline of May 19, 2023, and participate in the virtual listening session on April 26 at 2:30 p.m. ET.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2023 Midyear Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort - Hotel in Worley, Idaho, on May 8-11, 2023, with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary