



2011 Mid-Year Conference Worley, Idaho

RESOLUTION #11 - 43

“TRIBAL LEADERSHIP PAPER ON TRANSPORTATION”

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, ATNI directed the Transportation Committee at their 2011 Winter Conference by Resolution 11-14 to produce a Tribal Leader Policy Paper on Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the ATNI Transportation Committee has held teleconferences, and an all day meeting on April 21, 2011, conducting an in-depth study on the needs of Northwest tribes; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby adopt the Northwest Tribal Leadership Position on SAFETEA-LU, surface transportation reauthorization as prepared by the ATNI Transportation Committee.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2011 Mid-Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Resort in Worley, Idaho, May 16-19, 2011 with a quorum present.



Brian Cladoosby, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary