



## 2012 Mid-Year Convention Lincoln City, Oregon

### RESOLUTION #12 - 33

#### “TRIBAL ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE FUELS”

#### PREAMBLE

We the members of 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**, 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 Department of Energy has promoted the use of electric vehicles and has made significant progress in making available the necessary infrastructure for electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal lands are generally located in rural areas where electric vehicles are impractical; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal transits have found electric vehicles for their bus fleets to be impractical now and in the foreseeable future and a cleaner less expensive option than gas or diesel is imperative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Energy has distributed alternative fuel funds to Clean Cities Coalitions nationwide and they have been biased against awarding grants for compressed natural gas infrastructure; and

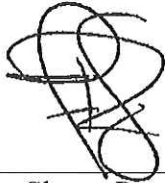
**WHEREAS**, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is a cleaner fuel, typically half the cost of diesel fuel, it is domestically available (with over a 100 year proven supply), the horsepower of diesel is the same as gasoline and recent testing has shown that CNG gets better fuel economy than any other fuel; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby encourage the U.S. Department of Energy to make CNG grants available for CNG in rural areas; and

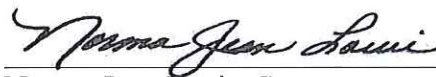
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI strongly encourages the Puget Sound Clean Cities Coalition and all other Clean Cities Coalitions to make grants available for Compressed Natural Gas infrastructure and vehicle conversion kits to serve Indian Country.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Mid-Year Convention of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, Lincoln City, Oregon on May 21 – May 24, 2012 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary