



2012 Annual Convention Pendleton, Oregon

RESOLUTION #12 - 57

"SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL HIGH PRIORITY PROGRAM FUNDING"

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, the Tribal High Priority Program (HPP) is established by statute in MAP-21, but it is authorized for \$30 million per fiscal year *from the General Treasury* rather than funded through the Highway Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, as such it will be subject to the yearly appropriations process and may not be fully funded; and

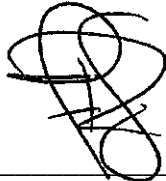
WHEREAS, FY 2013 funding for the Tribal HPP is in jeopardy because the House and Senate Appropriations Committees already approved their respective Transportation, Housing, Urban Development and Related Agencies FY 2013 appropriations bills, before the creation of this new Tribal HPP program; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2013 appropriations bills do not currently include any funding for the Tribal HPP program; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support an amendment to the 2013 Transportation, Housing, Urban Development and Related Agencies appropriations bill to provide the \$30 million for this authorized program.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Wildhorse Resort and Casino, Pendleton, Oregon on September 24 – 27, 2012 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary