



2013 Annual Convention Worley, ID

RESOLUTION #13 - 82

“MAP-21 REAUTHORIZATION POSITION PAPER”

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 current version of the federal highway bill, known as Map-21, is due to expire at the end of the second session of the 113th Congress; and

WHEREAS, portions of the current highway bill are unfair to northwest tribes and needs to be addressed in the next highway bill; and

WHEREAS, if tribes of ATNI are to meet the transportation needs of our communities, it is critical for transportation experts and the Tribal leaders to have a common strategy to address provisions within the next federal highway bill; and

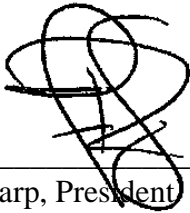
WHEREAS, in the past tribal leadership has found it useful to have a white paper clearly describing the position of ATNI on each topic with the transportation bill and an accompanying set of talking points; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby direct the Transportation Committee to produce a white paper and talking points clearly describing the position of ATNI on the next federal highway bill by the Winter Convention of ATNI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI leadership will produce a strategy to engage federal elected officials to support and implement the ATNI position.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Coeur d'Alene Resort Hotel & Casino, Worley, Idaho on September 16 - 19, 2013, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary