



2014 Winter Convention Ferndale, WA

RESOLUTION #14 - 21

“HIGHWAY TRUST FUND SOLVENCY”

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 Transportation Program is funded via the Highway Trust Fund;
and

WHEREAS, the Highway Trust Fund will become insolvent in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the funding mechanism for the Highway Trust Fund is the federal fuel tax;
and

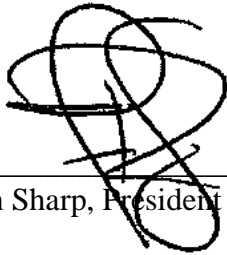
WHEREAS, the last increase in the federal fuel tax was during the Clinton
Administration; and

WHEREAS, a more stable solution is needed for ongoing funding of the Highway Trust
Fund, such as a federal fuel tax tied to inflation; now

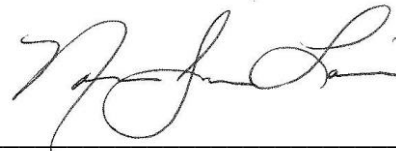
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge the Congress of the
United States to ensure that the Highway Trust Fund remains solvent by implementing a revenue
mechanism that preserves the fund into the future.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2014 Winter Convention of the Affiliated
Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa, Ferndale, WA on February
17 - 20, 2014 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary