



2014 Annual Convention Mission, Oregon

RESOLUTION #14 - 41

“ESTABLISHING A TRIBAL TRADE CORPORATION”

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, Tribal nations in the Pacific Northwest and across the United States have succeeded in developing healthy and natural food products that reflect their tribal history; and cultures and that have allowed them to economically diversify their tribal economies and create much needed jobs; and

WHEREAS, Tribal nations and peoples have historically engaged in trade relations among each other, with other Indigenous Nations, and with the general public; and

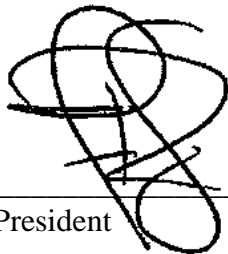
WHEREAS, Professor Alan Parker, a citizen of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Nation and former Staff Director to the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, has prepared a draft of federal legislation which would, if enacted by the US Congress, establish a Tribal Trade Corporation as a federally-chartered corporation empowered to issue shares of stock to every tribal nation who wishes to participate as a shareholder and to Indigenous Nations located in countries that recognize rights of self-government that are comparable to US Tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Trade Corporation Act would provide that the mission of the trade corporation is to assist its tribal and Indigenous nation shareholders to develop Native Trade Products and identify domestic and international markets where there would exist a strong demand for Native Trade Products and to provide assistance to its shareholder to acquire financing needed for the development and marketing of the Native Trade Products produced by this tribal and indigenous nation shareholders; now

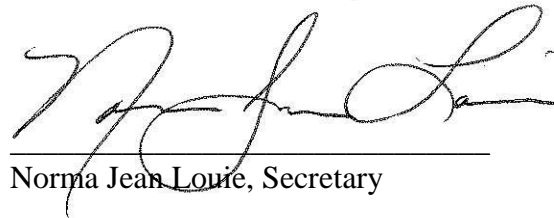
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby direct that the draft legislation to establish a Tribal Trade Corporation be proposed to Congressional leaders for introduction into the Congress and that the Executive Board of ATNI seek assistance from ATNI member tribal nations who have established good relations with their Congressional Representative to have the draft Tribal Trade Corporation Act be introduced and be scheduled for hearings before the Indian Affairs Committee in the US Senate and House of Representatives.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2014 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino, Mission, Oregon on September 22 – 25, 2014, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary