



2015 Annual Convention Spokane, Washington

RESOLUTION #15 - 61

“FEDERAL ENERGY LEGISLATION PRIORITIES FOR 2015”

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, access to and the ability to develop and maintain reasonably priced, sustainable energy sources that are culturally and environmentally acceptable to the individual ATNI tribes is important to strengthen and maintain tribal sovereignty, encourage economic development and is an appropriate function of tribal governments; and

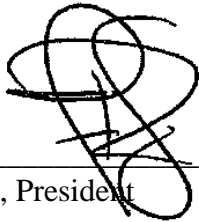
WHEREAS, the ability to access, develop and maintain local energy infrastructure and the ability to utilize at reasonable prices the national network of energy infrastructure is important to strengthen and maintain tribal sovereignty, encourage economic development and is an appropriate function of tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, federal energy laws can be improved to provide more opportunity for tribes to regulate, develop, operate, maintain, acquire and manage energy sources and energy infrastructure; now

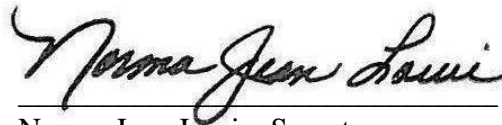
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support changes to federal laws consistent with the attached Federal Energy Legislative Priorities.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2015 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort and Casino, Spokane, Washington on September 14-17, 2015, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary