



## **2015 Annual Convention Spokane, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #15 - 63**

**“PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT TO RE-CREATE THE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF  
NORTHWEST INDIANS (ATNI) TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AS THE ATNI  
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE”**

### **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 ATNI Transportation Committee is a full standing committee providing local, regional and national transportation information dissemination, discussion, and policy development regarding tribal transportation issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Health Service, Construction and Sanitation Facilities Program, provides water and sewer services to American Indian Tribal governments and its tribal membership; and

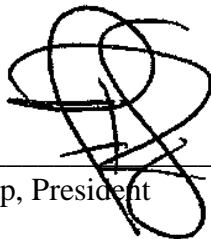
**WHEREAS**, the ATNI Transportation Committee recognizes that the Tribal Transportation Programs impacting Indian Reservations are directly impacted by other infrastructural development within right of ways that includes water, sewer, utilities, electrical, and tele-communications and recommends that the ATNI Transportation Committee needs to discuss the issues of transportation development in terms of the complexity of infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Committee hereby provides the attachment regarding its Statement of Purpose; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby recognize the need to more fully discuss the comprehensive needs of tribal transportation and infrastructure and fully supports the need to reconstitute the formal committee structure and re-create the ATNI Transportation Committee as the ATNI Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; and

**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.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary