



## **2016 Winter Convention Suquamish, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #16 - 15**

#### **“SUPPORT FOR AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS’ APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ET AL. TO ADVANCE AN INTERTRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER NETWORK”**

#### **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**, ATNI and the Northwest Tribes recognize the energy sector presents several opportunities for tribal participation and leadership as environmental stewards, resource owners, resource managers, project owners, asset developers, and resource conservation advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to support Northwest Tribes’ sovereign efforts in the energy sector, ATNI established the "ATNI Energy Program" and created a policy network through the "ATNI

Energy & Telecommunications Committee" to support tribal energy, tribal utilities, transmission planning, assessing and promoting tribal energy related economic opportunities, energy efficiency, resource conservation, natural resource protection, clean power initiatives, among other related issues; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI and Northwest Tribes have established a solid record of accomplishment in tribal energy, policy and utility issues recognized by the federal, tribal and private sectors as highly reputable and effective in tribal energy policy development, as a resource network, and as a center of technical subject-matter expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI, by Resolution No. 13-80 and 14-09, determined it is a "Tribal Energy Resource Development Organization," as defined in 25 U.S. Code, section 3501(11), to provide training, education, information, energy development support, tribal governing bodies support for ATNI to apply for energy development funding for "Tribal Energy Resource Development organizations," and implement energy development deliverables to Northwest Tribes; and

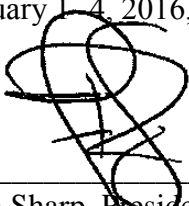
**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Departments of Energy et al. plans to extend programming to reputable intertribal organizations with expertise in tribal energy, through an "Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Energy Provider Network" with funding and program support to intertribal organizations and to "Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations," whereby ATNI meets these criteria; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, ATNI and Northwest Tribes do hereby endorse energy program applications to the U.S. Department of Energy et al. that are made available specific to intertribal organizations and "Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations," including but not limited to, funding opportunities for an "Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Energy Provider Network;" and

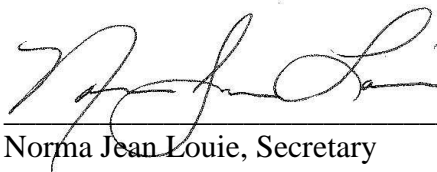
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI supports such energy program applications to the U.S. Department of Energy and will provide ATNI Member Tribes periodic updates.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2016 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort, Suquamish, Washington on February 1-4, 2016, with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary