



2016 Winter Convention Suquamish, Washington

RESOLUTION #16 - 19

“NORTHWEST TRIBES REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SELF GOVERNANCE PROGRAM NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING”

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

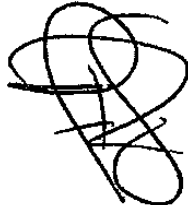
WHEREAS, On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act, PL 114-94) and this Act provides for the establishment of a new Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program within the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop regulations for the DOT Tribal Self-Governance Program pursuant to a negotiated rulemaking process; now

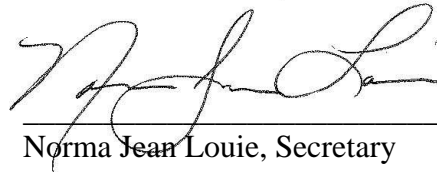
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, consistent with the government to government relationship between the United States and Indian Tribes, DOT shall consult with ATNI and its member Tribes in the selection process for Tribal representatives to the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

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.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary