



## **2016 Mid-Year Convention Grand Ronde, Oregon**

### **RESOLUTION #16 - 22**

#### **“SUPPORT FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN TOURISM AND IMPROVING VISITOR EXPERIENCE ACT”**

#### **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 Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act (NATIVE) is designed to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower native communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States; and

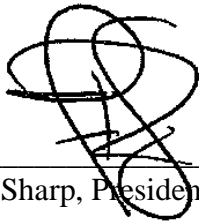
**WHEREAS**, the NATIVE Act will accelerate Native American community development, increase international tourism to the United States and recognize the value of Indian Country participation in international tourism promotion; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian Country is ready to perform the provisions of the NATIVE act to Advance Indian Country tourism by assisting tribes and providing the tools to develop and enhance tourism programs in Indian Country; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI supports the NATIVE Act and encourages Congress to pass the legislation to enhance community development, recognize and encourage Native American tribal participation in tourism, and provide permanent funding mechanisms for technical assistance to advance economic development in Indian Country for tribes engaged in tourism; and


**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2016 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, Oregon on May 23-26, 2016, with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary