



**2016 Annual Convention  
Tulalip, Washington**

**RESOLUTION #16 - 50**

**“URGING THE STATE OF OREGON TO REAUTHORIZE ITS LOW INCOME  
COMMUNITY JOBS INITIATIVE”**

**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 State of Oregon previously authorized an allocation of tax credits for its Low Income Community Jobs Initiative (Oregon LICJI); and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon LICJI previously authorized \$200 million in tax credit allocations that yielded \$300 million in investments, and the creation of over 1,177 permanent full time jobs with no long term loss to Oregon's revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, over 41% of Oregon LICJI-initiated investment occurred in rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon LICJI expired on December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, a coalition crossing party lines and the urban/rural divide has requested that the State of Oregon renew the LICJI program for an additional three years and a maximum general fund investment of \$117 million in support of \$300 million of allocations; now

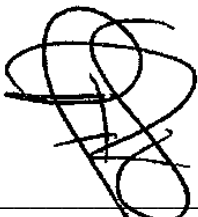
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby call upon the State of Oregon to renew the Oregon Low Income Community Jobs Initiative; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges the State of Oregon to, whenever possible, prioritize the use of these funds to improve qualifying Native American communities; and

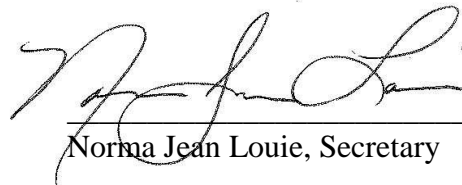
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges the States of Washington, Idaho, Montana and California to consider the benefits of similar economic development tax credit programs that are designed to serve low income communities.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2016 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Tulalip Resort Casino, Tulalip, Washington on September 26-29, with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary