



2017 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #17 - 03

“SUPPORT FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN TOURISM AND IMPROVING VISITOR EXPERIENCE (NATIVE) ACT AND THE AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE TOURISM ASSOCIATION (AIANTA) AS ITS FACILITATOR”

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 (NATIVE) Act was enacted in 2016, and it supports:

- Establishment of a more inclusive U.S. tourism strategy in order to expand economic opportunity to Native communities, create jobs, and elevate living standards.
- Leveraging tourism to achieve sustainable growth in Native communities, increase tourism capacity, and spur infrastructure development.
- Empowering of Native Americans to tell their own stories, and define the scope of tourism activities on tribal lands, indigenous homelands, and in Native communities.
- Strengthening and improving self-determination and self-governance capabilities.
- Enhancing the financial means of Native communities to protect cultural resources and preserve natural landscapes.
- Establishment of consultation by federal agencies that have tourism functions, programs, and assets with Native communities concerning tourism opportunities.
- Increasing coordination and collaboration between federal tourism assets to support Native American tourism and the development of technologically innovative projects.
- Growing heritage and cultural tourism opportunities throughout the U.S. by showcasing the diversity and continuing vitality of U.S. indigenous cultures.
- Promoting more authentic and unique visitor experiences that will draw international and domestic travelers to rural and remote areas that may not be well known.
- Enhancing the tourism potential of every state and increase U.S. service export revenues.
- Working with a facilitator whose mission is identical to the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA); and

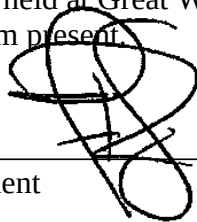
WHEREAS, the NATIVE Act mandates improved travel and tourism data collection and analysis, increased usability of public information and federal websites, support for national tourism goals, highlighting programs that can be used for tourism infrastructure in Native American communities, development of assets that showcase and respect the diversity of Native America, development of bilingual signage, and improvement of access to transportation programs for building capacity in Native American communities; now

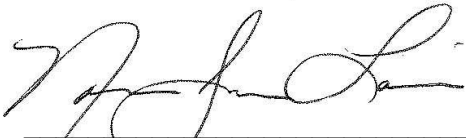
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support implementation of the NATIVE Act with AIANTA as its facilitator to collaborate with tribes and federal agencies in carrying out the provisions of the NATIVE Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI supports federal funding of NATIVE Act mandates to create collaboration and coordination in all aspects of tourism (hospitality, recreation, cultural heritage, transportation) between tribes and federal agencies with AIANTA as the facilitator.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington, January 23 – 26, 2017, with a quorum present.


Fawn Sharp, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary