



**2017 Mid-Year Convention
Portland, OR**

RESOLUTION #17 - 28

“SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS”

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 U.S. Congress is considering legislation which would improve the infrastructure of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Indian Country continues to have some of the highest rates of poverty and unemployment and poverty and unemployment are directly related to the need to both improve

existing infrastructure and build new infrastructure that will provide basic services and permit economic development; and

WHEREAS, examples of needed infrastructure include new and improved government administrative buildings, hospitals, schools, fire departments, police departments, jails, highways, roads, electrical facilities for tribal utilities, other energy system which deliver services to Indian people; and

WHEREAS, federal funds that are allocated to states for infrastructure purposes generally are not shared with Indian tribes or used on reservations; now

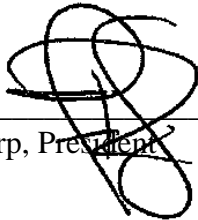
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby encourage the U.S. Congress to include an Indian Title in any bill which provides federal funds or programs for infrastructure directly to Indian Tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such federal funding should be in an amount arrived at in consultation with Indian Country and is consistent with the significant infrastructure needs of Indian Country.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Double Tree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on May 23-26, 2017, with a quorum present.

Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary

