



2017 Annual Convention Spokane, WA

RESOLUTION #17 - 46

“STATE DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TERO TRIBES”

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, Tribal Employment Rights Offices work with State Departments of Transportation to increase Native American employment on highway construction projects both on and near reservations; and

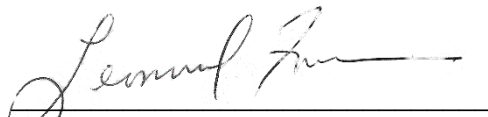
WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has issued guidance that allows State Departments of Transportation to include Indian Preference in employment on federal-aid transportation projects; and

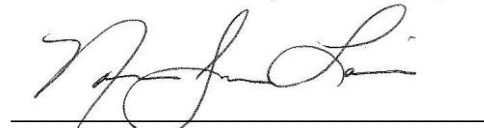
WHEREAS, the Oregon State Department of Transportation has entered into agreements with multiple Tribes in Oregon; and the purpose of the agreements are to establish procedures to be followed by all parties to ensure that Indian Preference provisions are implemented on the federal aid highway projects located on or near a reservation; and these agreements have led to providing living wage jobs to Native Americans; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI encourages the State Departments of Transportation to enter into agreements with Tribes in their state to include Indian Preference on federal aid transportation projects located on or near a reservation.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane, Washington on September 18-21, 2017, with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary